

A RESOLUTION BY THE PRESERVATION POINTES PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. STRONGLY OPPOSING TAXPAYERS MONEY, FEDERAL OR STATE, BEING LOANED, GUARANTEED OR FUNDED TO ALL ABOARD FLORIDA, THEIR PARENT COMPANIES OR FOR A RAILROAD HUB IN ORLANDO.

WHEREAS, PRESERVATION POINTES PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. REPRESENTS RESIDENTS IN THE TIMBER RIDGE COMMUNITY LOCATED IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, AND

WHEREAS FORTRESS INVESTMENT GROUP/ FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES (FECI)/ALL ABOARD FLORIDA HAVE PLANS TO OPERATE A HIGH-SPEED PASSENGER RAIL SYSTEM BETWEEN MIAMI AND ORLANDO ALONG THE FECI TRACKS IMPACTING THE RESIDENTS OF PRESERVATION POINTES, AND

WHEREAS, THE ALL ABOARD FLORIDA PROJECT WILL SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE RAILROAD TRAFFIC, ADD TO NOISE POLLUTION AND DIMINISH THE QUALITY OF LIFE WITHIN THE TIMBER RIDGE COMMUNITY, AND

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF VERO BEACH & INDIAN RIVER COUNTY IS CURRENTLY DIVIDED BY THE FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY AND INCREASED FREIGHT TRAFFIC COUPLED WITH THE ALL ABOARD FLORIDA PROJECT WILL FURTHER HINDER ACCESS TO PUBLIC SERVICES SUCH AS SCHOOLS, LIBRARIES, COMMUNITY CENTERS, PARKS, AS WELL AS DELAY DELIVERY OF ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY SERVICES SUCH AS FIRE, EMS, AMBULANCE AND POLICE SERVICES, AND

WHEREAS, OVER 90 PERCENT OF PRESERVATION POINTES PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERS SIGNED A PETITION OPPOSING TAXPAYERS FUNDING ALL ABOARD FLORIDA AND INDICATED CONCERN ABOUT TRAIN NOISE, DELAYS IN EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND DIMINISHING PROPERTY VALUES.

WHEREAS, FECI AND ALL ABOARD FLORIDA EXPECTS LOCAL TAXPAYERS TO BEAR MUCH OF THE COST OF RAILWAY CROSSING IMPROVEMENT, SAFETY UPGRADES, INSTALLATION OF QUIET ZONES AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TRANSFER OF LIABILITY AT QUIET ZONES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND

WHEREAS, IT IS THE INTENTION OF ALL ABOARD FLORIDA, A PRIVATE COMPANY FORMED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE FLORIDA EAST COST INDUSTRIES, A PRIVATE COMPANY AND OWNED BY FORTRESS INVESTMENT GROUP, TO SECURE TAXPAYER SUPPORTED FEDERAL LOANS IN EXCESS OF \$1.6 BILLION FROM THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION, AND

WHEREAS, LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS MAY DEDICATE EVEN MORE TAXPAYER FUNDING TO MITIGATE THE COSTS NECESSARY TO PROTECT FLORIDA'S BUSINESSES AND NEIGHBORHOODS FROM NOISE, PERSONAL SAFETY CONCERNS AND EXPECTED ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE CAUSED BY INCREASING TRAIN TRAFFIC, AND

WHEREAS, THE FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSE OF GOVERNMENT IS TO PROMOTE, PROTECT AND IMPROVE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PRESERVATION POINTES PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. AND IT'S ASSOCIATED COMMUNITIES, AS FOLLOWS:

PRESERVATION POINTES PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS ALL FLORIDA LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS WITHHOLD TAXPAYER DOLLARS FOR ANY FUNDING, GRANTS, CONCESSIONS, RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENTS, OR LOANS TO THE PRIVATELY HELD CORPORATIONS OF FORTRESS INVESTMENT GROUP, FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES AND ALL ABOARD FLORIDA.

FLORIDA'S CITIES, COUNTIES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES WHICH HOLD LEASES WITH FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES (FECI) SHOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REEVALUATE THEIR CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AND DETERMINE WHAT CONCESSIONS CAN BE MADE TO ENSURE FLORIDA'S BUSINESSES, NEIGHBORHOODS AND RESIDENTS ARE PROVIDED THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE QUIET ENJOYMENT OF THEIR PROPERTY, ASSURANCE THAT EMERGENCY SERVICES ARE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE IF REQUIRED AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS ARE PROPERLY IDENTIFIED AND ADDRESSED.

THIS RESOLUTION WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO:

GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT
CONGRESSMAN BILL POSEY
THE CITY OF VERO BEACH MAYOR WINGER & COUNCIL PERSONS
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SENATORS NELSON & RUBIO
PRESIDENT OF FLORIDA SENATE DON GAETZ
SPEAKER OF FLORIDA HOUSE OF REP. WILL WEATHERFOLD
U.S. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION, SECY ANTHONY FOXX
FLORIDA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION SECY ANANTH PRASAD
VERO BEACH RR ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR, KEN DAIGE

THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS VOTE
JUNE 12, 2014

 

MARY B PAYNE PRESIDENT PRESERVATION POINTES POA, INC DATE