

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TREASURE COAST COUNCIL OF
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OPPOSING ALL ABOARD FLORIDA
AND MORE SPECIFICALLY, OPPOSING THE USE OF PUBLIC
FUNDING; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, Florida East Coast Industries ("FECI") is developing a privately owned, operated and maintained high-speed passenger rail service named All Aboard Florida ("AAF") that will travel between Miami and Orlando with stops in Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach; and

WHEREAS, the AAF plan is to run 16 daily round-trip high-speed passenger trains along the existing Florida East Coast ("FEC") railroad corridor at speeds up to 110 miles per hour (mph), resulting in daily gate closings, as well as all other grade crossings along the FEC railroad corridor in addition to current gate closings for existing freight trains and causing additional noise and vibration; and

WHEREAS, the significant risks posed to public safety response times and land mobility, and the overall quality of life for those who live in and visit the Treasure Coast and is a genuine threat to the public health, safety and welfare, balanced by no mitigating benefit, such as service; and

WHEREAS, the Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments (TCCLG), hereby expresses in clear and unequivocal terms that it strongly opposes All Aboard Florida's efforts to force this high speed passenger rail project through the Treasure Coast, while having certain costs of the project borne by the taxpayers.

WHEREAS, the TCCLG hereby requests that any donor agency, including the Federal Rail Administration and any other federal agency, and the State of Florida and its agencies, require AAF to pay all costs of AAF, including quiet zones, any new or higher maintenance costs or corridor improvements. Also, the TCCLG strongly objects to the public funding of any project costs or government assistance, including additional maintenance items, be it in the form of loans, infrastructure or right of way at less than market rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments hereby states the above "WHEREAS" clauses are true and correct, and is hereby adopted as a finding of the Board.
- Section 2. The Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments requests that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Rick Scott, Florida State Senators Thad Altman and Joe Negron, Florida State Representatives Debbie Mayfield and Gayle B. Harrell, the Federal Railroad Administration, United States Senators Marco Rubio and Bill Nelson, United States Representatives Bill Posey and Patrick Murphy, FDOT Secretary Ananth Prasad, and to each of the member cities of the Council

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments, this 15th
day of October, 2014.

ATTEST:

Susie Caron
Susie Caron, Secretary

BY: Tod Mowery
Tod Mowery, Chairman