

RESOLUTION NO.2001- 143

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AMTRAK PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE BETWEEN JACKSONVILLE AND WEST PALM BEACH ALONG THE EAST COAST OF FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, Amtrak and the Florida East Coast Railroad have announced they have signed an agreement that will make possible passenger and improved freight rail service to the East Coast of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the passenger service will consist of two daily round trip trains, with each train carrying up to 300 passengers; and

WHEREAS, this critical addition to our transportation infrastructure depends on a one-time Florida Department of Transportation investment of approximately \$62.5 million, of which \$15.5 million is already set aside; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak trains will provide stops in St. Augustine, Daytona Beach, Titusville, Cocoa/Port Canaveral, Melbourne, Vero Beach, Ft. Pierce and Stuart; and

WHEREAS, these communities have limited transportation options; and

WHEREAS, the project will offer rail transportation as an alternative to residents and tourists and help ease our overloaded highways; and

WHEREAS, the train service is part of a larger restructuring of Amtrak service to Florida that will result in increased service to many parts of the state,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida supports the establishment of Amtrak passenger rail service between Jacksonville and West Palm Beach along the East Coast of Florida.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida urges the Florida Department of Transportation, the Florida State Legislature and Governor Jeb Bush to support and fund the establishment of such passenger rail service.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County,  
State of Florida, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2001.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Marc Jacalone  
Marc A. Jacalone, Chairman

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By: Patricia DeGrande  
Deputy Clerk

