RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED "ALL ABOARD FLORIDA" PROJECT, RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 235 MILE INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE BEING DEVELOPED BY FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES, LLC, THAT WILL ALLOW PASSENGER TRAIN TRAVEL BETWEEN DOWNTOWN MIAMI AND THE ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER REGULATORY AND FUNDING AGENCIES TO SUPPORT SUCH PROJECT.

WHEREAS, "All Aboard Florida", a rail transportation project (the "Project") developed by Florida East Coast Industries, LLC (the "FEC") will be a privately owned, operated and maintained passenger rail service operating between downtown Miami and Orlando; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a 235 mile passenger rail service will create 10,000 construction jobs per year during its construction, and 5,000 permanent jobs once the Project is completed; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the Florida economy will grow by more than six billion dollars over the next eight (8) years, as a result of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed construction of the Project, that will connect Miami and Orlando with travel completed in under three (3) hours will result in substantial economic benefits to the state of Florida through increased business revenues, new construction jobs, increased tourism and increased roadway safety; and

WHEREAS, downtown Miami is South Florida's largest, most utilized transit-oriented area, featuring the State's largest employment center, a growing high-density residential community, major cultural and entertainment destinations, and an existing premium transit infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Central Florida region is the most visited region in the state of Florida and the Orlando International Airport is one of the busiest in the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA:

<u>Section 1</u>: That the foregoing "Whereas" clauses are true and correct and they are made a part of and incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

<u>Section 2</u>: That the City Commission of the City of Hollywood supports the proposed "All Aboard Florida" Project, which is a privately owned, operated and maintained 235 mile passenger rail service between downtown Miami and Orlando International Airport that is being developed by Florida East Coast Industries, LLC, and urges the United States Department of Transportation (the "USDOT"), Florida Department of Transportation, and other regulatory and funding agencies to support the Project.

<u>Section 3</u>: That the City Clerk is authorized and directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to The Florida League of Cities, Inc., the Governor of the State of Florida Honorable Rick Scott, and to the office of the Florida State Legislature.

<u>Section 4</u>: That this resolution shall be in force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

PETER BOBER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGALITY for the use and reliance of the City of Hollywood, Florida, only

JEFFREY P. SHEFFEL, CITY ATTORNEY