

RESOLUTION No. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO PURSUE THE CREATION OF A QUIET ZONE ALONG THE FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY CORRIDOR IN BROWARD COUNTY AS THE LEAD APPLICANT WITH THE SUPPORT OF OTHER COASTAL BROWARD COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES AND THE BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO).

WHEREAS, the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway traverses many local government jurisdictions in coastal Broward County; and

WHEREAS, All Aboard Florida (AAF) proposes to initiate passenger rail service on the FEC corridor in Broward County with the installation of an additional track; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed in the public interest to mitigate the impacts of the anticipated additional train traffic on the FEC rail corridor; and

WHEREAS, under the federal Train Horn Rule (49 CFR Part 222), engineers are required to sound the train horn upon approach of each grade crossing; and

WHEREAS, a 'quiet zone' in which trains are not required to sound a horn at grade crossings, once safety improvements are made, can be effective in reducing the impact of train horn noise; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a continuous Quiet Zone from the Miami-Dade border to the Palm Beach border within Broward County will provide the highest level of community benefit; and

WHEREAS, AAF intends to install additional supplemental safety measures at predetermined crossings to meet the federal requirements for the creation of a Quiet Zone with funding for these improvements provided by the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO); and

WHEREAS, the City of Hollywood supports the creation of a Quiet Zone to mitigate train horn noise; and

WHEREAS, affected local governments are required to seek quiet zone designation either individually or jointly; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hollywood will serve as the lead applicant in the establishment of a Broward County Quiet Zone; and

WHEREAS, the MPO has offered to improve efficiency by assisting local governments and by coordinating the application for quiet zone designation;

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

Section 1: That it authorizes the appropriate City Officials to pursue the creation of a Quiet Zone along the FEC Railway Corridor in Broward County as the lead applicant for the Quiet Zone designation and authorizes the City Manager to transmit a formal submittal to the Federal Railroad Administration for such designation of a continuous quiet zone that includes all grade crossings on the FEC Railway in Broward County.

Section 2: That it hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit an executed copy of this resolution to the cities of Deerfield Beach, Pompano Beach, Oakland Park, Wilton Manors, Fort Lauderdale, Dania Beach, and Hallandale Beach and to Broward County Government, the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization and the District Four Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation.

Section 3: That this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2015.

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