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RESOLUTION NO. R-2017-XXX

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

- WHEREAS**, the South Florida Rail Corridor (SFRC) traverses many local government jurisdictions in coastal Broward County; and
- WHEREAS**, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority and Amtrak operate passenger rail service and CSX operates freight service on the SFRC in Broward County; and
- WHEREAS**, it is deemed in the public interest to mitigate the impacts of the train traffic on the SFRC 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 contiguous 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**, the SFRC has had additional supplemental safety measures installed which meet the federal requirements for the creation of a Quiet Zone; and
- WHEREAS**, the Cities of Fort Lauderdale and Oakland Park support 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

1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland Park through a parallel resolution is supporting the
2 creation of a Quiet Zone; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, the Cities of Fort Lauderdale and Oakland Park will jointly submit the
5 necessary documents for the establishment of a Broward County Quiet Zone; and
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7 **WHEREAS**, the MPO has offered to improve efficiency by assisting local
8 governments and by coordinating the application for quiet zone designation;
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10 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF**
11 **THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA:**
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13 **SECTION 1:** That it hereby supports partnering with Broward County local
14 government jurisdictions to seek designation of a contiguous quiet zone that includes
15 all grade crossings on the South Florida Rail Corridor.
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17 **SECTION 2:** That it hereby supports the Broward MPO in its effort to
18 coordinate the application for quiet zone.
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20 **SECTION 3:** That it authorizes the appropriate City Officials to pursue the
21 creation of a Quiet Zone along the South Florida Rail Corridor in Broward County as
22 part of a joint application for the Quiet Zone designation and authorizes the City
23 Manager to transmit a formal submittal to the Federal Railroad Administration for such
24 designation of a continuous quiet zone that includes all grade crossings on the SFRC in
25 Broward County.
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27 **SECTION 4:** That it hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit an executed copy
28 of this resolution to the Cities of, Oakland Park, and to Broward County Government,
29 the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization and the District Four Secretary of the
30 Florida Department of Transportation.
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32 **SECTION 5:** That this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately
33 upon its passage and adoption.
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ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Oakland Park, Florida this 18th day of January 2017.

CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK