



**A RESOLUTION OF THE SEMINOLE COUNTY
REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SUPPORTING THE
ADVANCEMENT OF THE CENTRAL FLORIDA
COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT**

WHEREAS, The Central Florida Commuter Rail Project is a critical component of our region's future transportation system; and

WHEREAS, Commuter Rail is the first component of a larger, regional transit structure with stakeholders at the county, regional, state and Federal levels; and

WHEREAS, the projected economic impact of Commuter Rail over a 20-year period will result in a projected \$2.90 in benefits for every \$1.00 invested in statewide rail initiatives and, over a 30-year period, the return on investment increases to more than a projected \$3.50; and

WHEREAS, the research indicates that rail consumes less fuel and produces fewer emissions per ton-mile than freight trucks; and

WHEREAS we believe that initially it provides an eco-friendly transportation system that will move as many commuters as one lane of I-4 during peak drive times; and

WHEREAS, research shows rail shipments cost on average 42% less than truck shipments, thus rail freight is a key component to keeping business and consumer costs down; and

WHEREAS, if commuter rail is delayed over \$300 million in federal funding could be lost with no immediate opportunity to recapture; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation has made a commitment to Commuter Rail, as have stakeholders in the Federal Government, Seminole, Orange, Osceola and Volusia Counties and The City of Orlando; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SEMINOLE COUNTY
REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:**

As a member-focused organization that values regional issues that impact the Greater Seminole County region's business environment, regional economic growth and the quality of life in Seminole County and the State of Florida. The Seminole County Regional Chamber of Commerce recommends support for legislation that will advance the success of the Central Florida Commuter Rail Project.