

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-\_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY STUDY ACT INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMEN POSEY AND MAST**

**WHEREAS**, the All Aboard Florida/Brightline/Virgin Trains higher speed passenger rail system proposes to travel from Miami to Orlando International Airport by way of the Florida East Coast Railway corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, All Aboard Florida/Brightline/Virgin Trains intends to operate 34 passenger trains at a maximum speed of 110 miles per hour on the Florida East Coast Railway corridor through populated areas of Indian River County, including Vero Beach, Sebastian, and the communities of Gifford, Roseland, Wabasso, and Winter Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, Indian River County has significant safety concerns about All Aboard Florida/Brightline/Virgin Trains traversing at such high speeds along an open railroad corridor and across 31 highway-railroad grade crossings; and

**WHEREAS**, between 2018 and 2020, there have been 50 pedestrian deaths and 74 total deaths involving all rail operations on the shared Florida East Coast Railway corridor;

**WHEREAS**, between 2018 and 2020, there have been 25 pedestrian deaths and 43 total deaths involving only All Aboard Florida/Brightline/Virgin Trains higher-speed passenger rail operations on the Florida East Coast Railway corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, in July of 2020, U.S. Representatives Bill Posey (R-FL) and Brian Mast (R-FL) introduced the *Pedestrian Safety Study Act* to direct the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to study motorist and pedestrian safety along the proposed All Aboard Florida/Brightline/Virgin Trains higher-speed train corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, upon the *Pedestrian Safety Study Act* becoming federal law, the FRA and FHWA would be required to complete the Pedestrian Safety Study and provide a report to the United States House of Representatives, the United States Senate, and the Florida Department of Transportation within two years.

**WHEREAS**, an amendment offered by Representatives Posey and Mast to include the *Pedestrian Safety Study Act* within House Resolution 76167, the Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations Act, was adopted with bi-partisan support by the United States House of Representatives on July 31, 2020; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**Section 1.** The above “WHEREAS” clauses are true and correct, and are hereby adopted as findings of the Board.

**Section 2.** The Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County supports the Posey-Mast *Pedestrian Safety Study Act* and respectfully requests the United States Senate include the *Pedestrian Safety Study Act* within any forthcoming appropriations legislation which may be considered by the United States Senate.

**Section 3.** A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided to United States Congressmen Bill Posey and Brian Mast, United States Senators Marco Rubio and Rick Scott, Florida Transportation Secretary Kevin Thibault, Florida State Senator Debbie Mayfield, and Florida State Representative Erin Grall.

The foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, and seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, and, upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Chairman Susan Adams	_____
Vice Chairman Joe Flescher	_____
Commissioner Tim Zorc	_____
Commissioner Peter O’Bryan	_____
Commissioner Bob Solari	_____

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

**ATTEST:** Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk of Court  
and Comptroller

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan Adams, Chairman

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dylan Reingold, County Attorney