

RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF

Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association wants the quality of life for visitors and residents of Central Florida to be the best it can be; and

WHEREAS, the Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association is aware of the proposed \$473.5 million Commuter Rail Project advocated by Congressman John Mica (R-Winter Park) which is designed to traverse a 60.4 mile route through four traffic congested counties in the Central Florida region; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Commuter Rail Project offers a real transportation alternative to Interstate 4 during its upcoming reconstruction, which will provide significant travel time savings to its users during peak travel time periods, as well as reduce future automobile usage of Interstate 4; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Commuter Rail Project contains multiple and affordable governmental funding sources for the creation, operation and maintenance of this Central Florida transportation rail system; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Commuter Rail Project does not include any projections for the use of tourist development tax dollars, within any of the four counties, to cover the operation and maintenance costs of this Central Florida transportation rail system; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rail system would provide a desperately needed alternative to Interstate 4 for residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors endorses Congressman John Mica's endeavors to secure federal funding for a Commuter Rail Project and encourages local municipalities and county governments to support this initiative as it serves as an extraordinary example of regional partnerships and cooperation in finding meaningful regional transportation solutions.

RESOLVED this 26th day of July, 2005.

Peter Kacheris, CFHLA Chairman

Richard Maladecki, CFHLA President