

Resolution

Northeast Florida Regional Council

2010-15

Supporting

Proposed Designation of Nation's Oldest Port National Heritage Area

WHEREAS, the coastal landscape and waterways of St. Johns, Flagler, Duval and Nassau Counties surrounding the nation's oldest port and oldest continually occupied city form a unique and diverse region in the southeastern United States and encompass a mosaic of cultures and history as well as spectacular natural, scenic and recreational resources that reflect a unique contribution to the collective American identity; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has the authority to designate National Heritage Areas that encompass a region where natural, cultural, historic, and recreational resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally distinctive landscape shaped by geography and cultural traditions; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service is the lead Federal agency for the application and approval for designation of National Heritage Areas; and

WHEREAS, National Heritage Areas have shown to add to the economic health and sustainability of culture and natural resources in other National Heritage Areas across the United States,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the policy body of the Northeast Florida Regional Council hereby supports the study of the feasibility of the future designation of the proposed Nation's Oldest Port National Heritage Area.

Unanimously adopted by the Northeast Florida Regional Council in a regular meeting assembled in the City of Jacksonville, the second day of December 2010.



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