

Resolution

Northeast Florida Regional Council

2012-4

Support for Developing a Funding Solution for the Operation of the Mayport Ferry

WHEREAS, the Northeast Florida Regional Council has a long history in support of the continued operation of the Mayport Ferry as evidences by Resolution 93-4, unanimously adopted on December 3, 1992 and attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Florida Regional Council hereby reaffirms its findings in Resolution 93-2; and

WHEREAS, the Mayport Ferry, as the functional connection of State Road A1A across the St. Johns River, is a regional transportation facility; and

WHEREAS, the cost of operation and environmental impacts of Ferry operations and maintenance is far less than a structural replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Mayport Ferry is part of the community fabric of the Region and is vital to the future of Historic Mayport Village; and


WHEREAS, the Mayport Ferry is the only alternative for bicyclists and pedestrians to cross the St. Johns River in this area of the Region, in that they are prohibited on the Napoleon B. Broward (Dames Point Bridge); and

WHEREAS, the Mayport Ferry operates as a floating "bridge" across the St. Johns River and discontinuation of the service will cause hardship to those who regularly use it by requiring an over 20 mile detour and the attendant gasoline consumption, green house gas emissions, roadway wear and tear, and lost productivity.

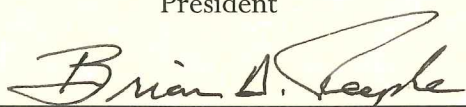
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northeast Florida Regional Council calls upon all interested parties to develop a solution to keep the Mayport Ferry in operation and offers its "good offices" to assist in this effort.

Unanimously adopted by the Northeast Florida Regional Council in a regular meeting assembled in the City of Jacksonville, the third day of February, 2012.





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President



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