

RESOLUTION 2010-07

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING AN EASTERN LOCATION FOR THE PROPOSED POLK COUNTY STOP ON THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL LINE CONNECTING ORLANDO AND TAMPA.**

**WHEREAS**, the development of high-speed rail corridors has historically been a desire of the citizens of the State of Florida, Polk County, and the City of Lake Wales, and;

**WHEREAS**, on January 28, 2010, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) received a federal grant in the amount of \$1.25 billion for the construction of a high-speed rail network in Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the first phase of Florida's high-speed rail network connecting Orlando and Tampa, including a stop to be located within Polk County, is anticipated to begin construction by late 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the development of the new University of South Florida Polytechnic campus near the intersection of Interstate 4 and the eastern terminus of the Polk Parkway and the opening of the new Legoland Florida theme park in Winter Haven in 2011, will require enhanced regional transportation connections, and;

**WHEREAS**, more than fifty (50) percent of Polk County's population resides east of the Polk Parkway, and;

**WHEREAS**, a central Polk County high-speed rail stop will increase accessibility and better serve all of the residents and businesses of Polk County.

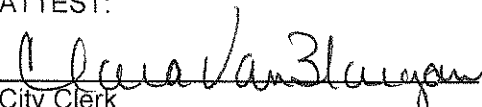
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Commission of the City of Lake Wales, Florida that:

1. The City of Lake Wales supports a high-speed rail stop serving Polk County to be located near the intersection of Interstate 4 and the eastern terminus of the Polk Parkway.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Commission of the City of Lake Wales, Florida, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010.

  
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Mayor/Commission

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

  
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City Attorney