## **RESOLUTION 2022-05**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF SUNRAIL, INC., ESTABLISHING A RAIL STOP IN EAST POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, high-speed rail is one of the many transportation innovations and changes that will potentially be coming through Polk County over the next decade; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of Lake Wales supports the rail stop in East Polk County, Florida, citing the following reasons:

- Improvement of transportation options to our residents and visitors traveling to the areas of Orlando Tampa;
- Increased economic growth tends to occur in the areas of rail stops;
- Trains being a cost-effective alternative for travel;
- Provides an eco-friendly transportation option;

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES, FLORIDA:

- Section 1. The foregoing Recital clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.
- Section 2. The City Commission of the City of Lake Wales, Florida supports and urges SunRail, Inc., to consider creating a rail stop in East Polk County, Florida.
- Section 3. The City Commission hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the local legislative delegation, SunRail, Inc., the Polk County Transportation Planning Organization, and any other appropriate entity.
- Section 4. All Resolutions or parts of the Resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are repealed to the extent of such conflict.
- Section 5. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.
- Section 6. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption by the City Commission of the City of Lake Wales, Florida.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** in regular session of the City Commission of the City of Lake Wales, Florida, this 15th day of March 2022.

## CITY OF LAKE WALES, FLORIDA

Eugene L. Fultz, Mayor/Commissioner

**ATTEST:** 

Jennifer Nanek, CMC, City Clerk