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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S SUBMISSION OF THE RAIL CORRIDOR BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND RALEIGH FOR THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION'S (FRA) CORRIDOR IDENTIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Pender County Board of Commissioners provides governing authority and representation for the people of the County of Pender in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Corridor Identification and Development (Corridor ID) Program was included as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) that was signed by President Biden on November 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Railroad Administration established the Corridor Identification and Development Program within 180 days of enactment; and

WHEREAS, the Corridor ID Program creates a foundational framework for identifying and developing new or improved intercity passenger rail (IPR) services; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation will submit twelve corridors to FRA for consideration for participating in the program and obtaining grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the rail corridor between Wilmington and Raleigh is one of the twelve corridors that will be submitted by the North Carolina Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation is currently refreshing the Southeastern Passenger Rail Study that was completed in 2005 with the update anticipated to be complete later this year; and

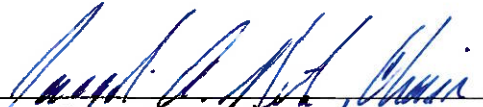
WHEREAS, intercity passenger rail is a valuable and necessary component of the future transportation network of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the County of Pender would experience multiple benefits through the establishment and future implementation of the Wilmington to Raleigh rail corridor; and

WHEREAS, these anticipated benefits include safety, connectivity, economic advancement, and supporting overall county growth.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the County Commissioners for the County of Pender hereby supports the North Carolina Department of Transportation's submission of the rail corridor between Wilmington and Raleigh for the Federal Railroad Administration's Corridor Identification and Development Program.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Pender County Board of County Commissioners on August 7, 2023.



Jacqueline A. Newton, Chair
Pender County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


David Andrews, Clerk to the Board