

## RESOLUTION NO. 2017-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND THE CITIES OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FORT LAUDERDALE, OAKLAND PARK, AND POMPANO BEACH IN THEIR EFFORT TO COORDINATE THE CREATION OF A QUIET ZONE ALONG A PORTION OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA RAIL CORRIDOR; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the South Florida Rail Corridor (SFRC) traverses many local government jurisdictions in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority and Amtrak operate a passenger rail service, and CSX operates freight service on the SFRC in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed in the public interest to mitigate the impacts of the train traffic on the SFRC in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, under the federal Train Horn Rule (49 CFR Part 222), engineers are required to sound the train horn upon approach of each grade crossing; and

WHEREAS, a 'Quiet Zone,' in which trains are not required to sound a horn at grade crossings, once safety improvements are made, can be effective in reducing the impact of train horn noise; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a contiguous Quiet Zone from the Miami-Dade County border to the Palm Beach County border within Broward County will provide the highest level of community benefit; and

1 WHEREAS, the SFRC has had additional safety measures installed which meet  
2 the federal requirements for the creation of a Quiet Zone; and

3 WHEREAS, the Cities of Deerfield Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Oakland Park, and  
4 Pompano Beach through previous resolutions supported the creation of Quiet Zones;  
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6 WHEREAS, affected local governments are required to apply for Quiet Zone  
7 designation either individually or through a joint application; and

8 WHEREAS, the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (Broward MPO)  
9 has offered to improve efficiency by assisting local governments and by coordinating the  
10 application for Quiet Zone designation; and

11 WHEREAS, Broward County Traffic Engineering Division, through an existing  
12 Interlocal Agreement with all municipalities, will install the required "No Train Horn"  
13 signs consistent with Federal Railroad Administration regulations, NOW, THEREFORE,  
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15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
16 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:  
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18 Section 1. That Broward County supports partnering with the Cities of  
19 Deerfield Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Oakland Park, and Pompano Beach to seek  
20 designation of a contiguous Quiet Zone that includes all grade crossings on the SFRC  
21 in Broward County.

22 Section 2. That Broward County hereby supports the Broward MPO in its  
23 effort to coordinate the application for Quiet Zone designation.  
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Section 3. That Broward County hereby directs the County Administrator to transmit an executed copy of this resolution to the Cities of Deerfield Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Oakland Park, and Pompano Beach, and to the Broward MPO.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this                      day of                      , 2017.

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:  
Joni Armstrong Coffey, County Attorney

By /s/ Angela J. Wallace 12/30/16  
Angela J. Wallace (date)  
Deputy County Attorney

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