

**Resolution No. 2009-3**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY DEFUNIAK SPRINGS  
REQUESTING AMTRAK TO RESTORE SUNSET LIMITED RAIL PASSENGER  
SERVICE IN FLORIDA.**

**WHEREAS**, prior to Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Amtrak operated the three-day-a-week Sunset Limited rail passenger service between New Orleans and destinations in Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Amtrak discontinued operation of the Sunset Limited service between New Orleans and Florida due to partial destruction of the CSX railroad caused by Hurricane Katrina; and

**WHEREAS**, Amtrak has not resumed the Sunset Limited service between New Orleans and destinations in Florida, even though the CSX damaged rails have been repaired and freight rail traffic is again utilizing the line; and

**WHEREAS**, rail passenger service will become an even more important alternative transportation mode to the private automobile as our nation moves toward reducing our dependency on foreign oil; and

**WHEREAS**, Amtrak trains and infrastructure provide a reliable rail option, reduce congestion on roads and in the skies; and

**WHEREAS**, passenger rail provides a more fuel-efficient transportation system, thereby providing cleaner transportation alternatives and energy security; and

**WHEREAS**, passenger railroads emit only 0.2% of the travel industry's total greenhouse gases; and

**WHEREAS**, daily passenger train service would be the next logical step in the revitalization and reconstruction of the Florida Gulf Coast;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEFUNIAK SPRINGS THAT:**

The City of DeFuniak Springs requests Amtrak to restore Sunset Limited rail passenger service between New Orleans and destinations in Florida.

**APPROVED AND PASSED** by the City Council of the City of DeFuniak Springs, Florida, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2009.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

C. Harold Carpenter  
C. Harold Carpenter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vanessa Mitchell  
Vanessa Mitchell, Deputy Clerk