

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DEFUNIAK
SPRINGS OF WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO
RESTORE THE SUNSET LIMITED AMTRAK
PASSENGER SERVICE.

Whereas, the *Sunset Limited* is a passenger train that for most of its history has run between Los Angeles, California, and New Orleans, Louisiana and that from early 1993 through late August 2005 also ran east of New Orleans to Jacksonville, Florida; and

Whereas, the *Sunset Limited* was the only true transcontinental passenger train in American history; and

Whereas, from late August 2005 to the present, the train has remained officially a Florida-to-Los Angeles train, with the service between New Orleans and Orlando considered temporarily truncated due to the lingering effects of Hurricane Katrina; and

Whereas, the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 required Amtrak to submit a plan to restore passenger rail service between New Orleans, Louisiana and Jacksonville/Sanford, Florida;

Whereas, the train tracks have all been repaired and are once again in operation serving freight train traffic; and

Whereas, North Florida currently has no passenger train service, and is therefore isolated from the nation's train system; and

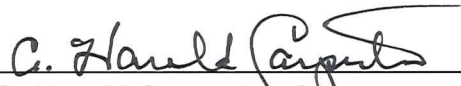
Whereas, there are significant economic benefits in the provision of alternative modes of transportation; and

Whereas, restoration of the Amtrak train service of the *Sunset Limited* is very important to the economic development of our community, our state, and our country, and is an essential component of Hurricane Katrina restoration.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the City of DeFuniak Springs requests that Amtrak restore service of the *Sunset Limited* as soon as possible.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City of DeFuniak Springs City Council this 13th day of February, 2012.

WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA
CITY OF DEFUNIAK SPRINGS


C. Harold Carpenter, Mayor

ATTEST:


Loretta Laird, City Clerk