

**Resolution Supporting Reauthorization
of the Florida Enterprise Zone Program
currently set to Sunset on December 31, 2015**

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature created the Florida Enterprise Zone Program in 1982 to provide economic incentives to induce private investment in economically distressed areas within Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Enterprise Zone Program has the goals of revitalizing and rehabilitating distressed areas, encouraging businesses to locate and expand in these areas, stimulating employment among area residents and enhancing the general social and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, to achieve these goals, state and local governments provide investments and tax incentives to encourage businesses to invest and located in designated enterprise zones; and

WHEREAS, these incentives include job and property tax credits as well as building material and building equipment sales tax refunds; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Florida Legislature enacted Chapter 2005-287, Laws of Florida (House Bill 1725), which re-designated existing enterprise zones and extended the Enterprise Zone Program until December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, during the 2010 session, the Florida Legislature enacted Chapter 2010-147, Laws of Florida (Senate Bill 1752), which directed the Florida Legislature's Office of Program Policy Analysis & Government Accountability (OPPAGA) to review and evaluate the Florida Enterprise Zone Program; and

WHEREAS, in January 2011, OPPAGA released Report No. 11-01, which found that over the prior five years, the Florida Enterprise Zone Program has awarded \$187 million in incentives; and

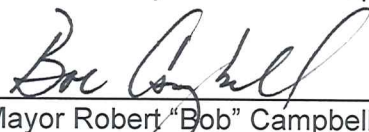
WHEREAS, the DeFuniak Springs Enterprise Zone has assisted numerous businesses and residents within the program since its adoption in 1992; and

WHEREAS, the DeFuniak Springs Enterprise Zone program currently consist the entire city limits effective December 2011; and

WHEREAS, given the positive impact the Florida Enterprise Zone program has had on economic development within our city and within our community, this Board would like to urge the Florida Legislature to extend the program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the DeFuniak Springs City Council Supports the reauthorization of the Florida Enterprise Zone Program which is currently set to sunset on December 31, 2015; Directs the City Clerk to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and the Walton, Holmes and Washington County State Legislative Delegation.; and directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the legislation of the reauthorization of the Florida Enterprise Zone Program which is currently set to sunset on December 31, 2015, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2015 state legislative packages when they are presented to the Board.

APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of DeFuniak Springs, Florida this 27th day of October, 2014.



Mayor Robert "Bob" Campbell

ATTEST:



Loretta Laird, City Clerk