

**RESOLUTION 16-\_\_**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PRIMARY BUSINESS POINTS FOR HMS FERRIES, INC. (HMS) TO OPERATE A HIGH SPEED FERRY PILOT PROGRAM; ALLOCATING FUNDS OF \$350,000 FOR THE PROJECT CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

**WHEREAS**, the Pinellas County Commission is dedicated to maximizing partner relationships, providing safe and effective transportation systems, and being a responsible steward of the public's resources; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 26, 2016 the Board of County Commissioners approved a resolution in support the high speed ferry project, subject to the review of a business plan and approval of equal funding by the governments of the cities of St. Petersburg and Tampa and Hillsborough County; and

**WHEREAS**, a business and operations plan was submitted to the City of St. Petersburg by HMS on May 3, 2016 and has been the subject of negotiation between the parties; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Petersburg City Council approved the primary business points at a June 9, 2016 meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary business points, as agreed to by the City of St. Petersburg and HMS, are attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the County will make an investment of \$350,000, as outlined in the primary business points, for the pilot program upon approval of an interlocal agreement between all four government entities; and

**WHEREAS**, the ferry pilot project provides an innovative opportunity for transportation for the citizens and the visitors to our area and provide an additional option to travel across Tampa Bay.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, at a duly-assembled meeting held on the\_ day of \_\_ , 2016, as follows:

**Section 1.** That the Pinellas County Commission tentatively accept the primary business points as negotiated by the City of St. Petersburg, subject to approval of all four governmental entities.

**Section 2.** That the Pinellas County Commission shall revise the budget to provide \$350,000 to the pilot contingent upon the approval of the interlocal agreement by all four governmental entities providing funding for the ferry pilot project.

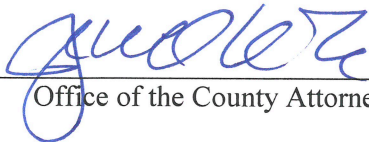
Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, and upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes

Nayes

Absent not voting

APPROVED AS TO FORM

BY:   
Office of the County Attorney