

**RESOLUTION 16-\_\_**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE HIGH SPEED FERRY PILOT PROGRAM; AGREEING TO ALLOCATE FUNDS OF \$350,000 FOR THE PROJECT CONTINGENT UPON CONDITIONS BEING MET

**WHEREAS**, the Pinellas County Commission's strategic plan is dedicated to maximizing partner relationships (5.1), providing safe and effective transportation systems (4.5), implementing green technologies and practices where practical (3.1), and being a responsible steward of the public's resources (5.2); and

**WHEREAS**, plans for the high speed ferry pilot project call for agreement and funding at the level of \$350,000 by the cities of St. Petersburg and Tampa, as well as Hillsborough and Pinellas counties and all four partners are a condition of our participation; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to Pinellas County funds being allocated for this project, a business plan and final agreement will need to be presented to and approved by the Board of County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the pilot program will have a finite term of October 15, 2016 through April 15, 2017 and be evaluated at the conclusion of that time period; 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 supports the high speed ferry pilot program.

**Section 2.** That the Pinellas County Commission shall amend the Fiscal Year 2016 budget to appropriate \$350,000 to the pilot contingent upon the outlined conditions being met.

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