

GREATER WINTER HAVEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE GREATER WINTER HAVEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO SUPPORT FUNDING FOR THE POLK TRANSIT AUTHORITY TO ALLOW IMPLEMENTATION OF NECESSARY AND DESIRABLE COUNTYWIDE TRANSIT SERVICE.

WHEREAS, the Polk County Transit Authority (the “Authority”) was created by Chapter 2007-275, Laws of Florida, for the purposes of providing mass transit and related services to the residents and the citizens of Polk County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Winter Haven Chamber of Commerce hereby recognizes a growing need to fund and enhance existing transit services and provide new transit services within the City of Winter Haven and throughout Polk County; and

WHEREAS, the Authority needs funding sources to provide such necessary and desirable transit services; and

WHEREAS, the Authority resolved on December 9, 2009, to request the Polk County Board of County Commissioners to call a referendum on November 2, 2010, for approval by a majority of the voters of Polk County of a charter county transportation surtax to fund the Authority to allow it to continue to provide necessary and desirable transit services to all Polk County residents and citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County Board of County Commissioners recognized the need to continue and expand public transit in Polk County and the benefit to the residents and citizens of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County Board of County Commissioners resolved on December 16, 2009, to call a referendum election on November 2, 2010, to approve by a majority of the voters of Polk County a charter county transportation surtax at the rate of one-half percent (1/2 %) and further the Polk County Board of County Commissioners approved remission of the proceeds from the charter county transportation surtax to the Polk County Transit Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GREATER WINTER HAVEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

1. Recognizes a growing need to fund and enhance existing transit and related services and provide new transit and related services within the City of Winter Haven and throughout Polk County.
2. Supports the actions of the Polk County Board of County Commissioners and the Polk Transit Authority to secure dedicated local funding for necessary and

desirable transit operations, equipment, and facilities within the City of Winter Haven and throughout Polk County.

3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the Greater Winter Haven Chamber of Commerce on this day, the 28th day of June, 2010.

Howard G. King, President June 28, 2010