

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, with the phenomenal increase of population in the State of Florida, and the attraction of the natural resources and man-made resources brings great numbers of tourists to the State of Florida during all seasons of the year, and because of such increase in population and great numbers of tourists, requirements for safe highways are increasingly greater, and

WHEREAS, despite the efforts of the State Road Department to construct four lane highways as safer means of travel, with all of the funds at its command, the Road Department anticipates construction of no more than 240 priority miles of four lane divided highways during the next four years, and such construction does not keep up with the traffic demands upon the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, more than 70% of the traffic fatalities during the past year have occurred on two lane highways, and 65% of all highway accidents occur on two lane highways, and

WHEREAS, the Interstate Highway System is providing safer highway conditions for long distance travel, but such construction is limited, and will not serve many parts of the State where traffic is extremely heavy, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature, in the 1965 Regular Session, proposed an Amendment to Article IX of the State Constitution by more than a three-fourths majority, declaring that an emergency does exist in our traffic problems, and authorizing the issuance of bonds not to exceed \$300,000,000.00, for construction of four lane primary highways, and

WHEREAS, the Projects enumerated in the proposed Amendment will provide over 1200 miles of new four lane highways to be constructed during the next four years, and the acquisition of rights of way at this time will save the State of Florida millions of dollars in future costs of rights of ways, and will more than offset any cost of the bond issue, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida, further realize the necessity for the immediate development of safer highways, and the need of more highways to meet the needs of tourism and industrial development;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida, that:

1. This Board does wholeheartedly and enthusiastically endorse the proposed Amendment to Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Florida, authorizing the issuance of \$300,000,000.00 in bonds for the construction of four lane highways.
2. That this Board urge the voters of the State of Florida to express approval of said Amendment to Article IX of the Constitution of Florida by voting favorably on the referendum to be submitted at the Special Election in November, 1965.
3. That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Commissioners of each County of the State of Florida, urging their support of said Amendment; and requesting that they support an endorsement of said Amendment by the State Association of County Commissioners in the meeting to be assembled at Miami Beach, Florida, on September 26-29, 1965.

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August 20, 1965

Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners  
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Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith a copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, Putnam County, Florida, on August 10, 1965.

We urge that you lend your support to the proposed amendment to Article IX of the State Constitution and request that your Board adopt a similiar resolution.

Yours very truly,

*A. W. Nichols, Jr.*

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Clerk, Circuit Court