RESOLUTION NO. 2013-139

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA IN SUPPORT OF THE FUNDING REQUEST SUBMITTED TO THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PASSENGER FERRY GRANT FOR THE ST. JOHNS RIVER FERRY

WHEREAS, the St. Johns River Ferry began service in 1949, serving as a vital floating bridge connecting State Highway A1A; and

WHEREAS, the ferry serves over 260,000 passengers a year including visitors to the National Park Service's Timucuan Preserve, active duty and civilian workers from Mayport Naval Station and local residents; and

WHEREAS, the Jacksonville Transportation Authority submitted a grant request in the amount of \$6,288,496 to the Federal Transit Administration for the Passenger Ferry Grant on October 21, 2013 for replacement of ferry slips that are at the end of their useful life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jacksonville provided matching funds in the amount of \$1,572,126 for this grant proposal and has appointed the members of the St. Johns River Ferry Commission to reduce costs and increase ridership.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida hereby requests that Senators Nelson and Rubio and Representatives Brown and Crenshaw contact the Federal Transit Administration and advocate on behalf of this crucial transportation link.

DULY ADOPTED this <u>9th</u> day of December 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

DANIEL B. LEEFEK Its: Chairman

ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE:

JOHN A. CRAWFORD Is: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney:

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DAVID A. HALLMAN