## RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA, DECLARING ITS SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA TO DESIGN, SEEK PERMITS, ACQUIRE RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND CONSTRUCT A REALIGNMENT OF US HIGHWAY 98, AFFECTING THE EASTERNMOST FOUR MILES OF US 98 IN BAY COUNTY.

**WHEREAS,** an inland realignment of US 98, better known as Gulf to Bay Highway, will facilitate movement of freight and reduce truck traffic on the existing alignment; and

**WHEREAS,** an inland realignment of US 98 will allow an alternate route for high speed through traffic, thus improving safety for all modes of transportation and pedestrians on the existing alignment; and

**WHEREAS**, an inland realignment of US 98 will improve mobility and evacuation options for residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, an inland realignment of US 98 will stimulate economic growth and complement other regional growth initiatives;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Mexico Beach, Florida, supports the efforts of the Florida Department of Transportation and Opportunity Florida to design, seek permits, acquire right-of-way, and construct a realignment of US Highway 98, affecting the easternmost four miles of US 98 in Bay County.

**Additionally,** the City of Mexico Beach, Florida, agrees to enter into a road transfer agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation upon funding of construction, and to accept full ownership and maintenance of the existing US 98 alignment, within the city limits, upon completion of construction.

THIS RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED this 14<sup>TH</sup> day of February, 2017.

Tom Bailey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Adrian Welle, City Člěrk