

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS,

The "Gateway to Coastal Georgia: Connecting the Coast," Master Plan, that calls for creation of the Coastal Georgia Greenway, has been adopted by previous action of the Jekyll Island Authority Board of Directors, and

WHEREAS,

The newly formed Coastal Georgia Greenway, Inc. mission states: "The Coastal Georgia Greenway, Inc. (CGG, Inc.) works with citizens, governments and private economic interests to create a 450-mile regional greenway and multi-use trail system that will conserve the unique natural and cultural resources of Georgia's coast while safely providing educational, recreational and tourism opportunities for the enjoyment and health of both residents and visitors," and

WHEREAS,

The CGG, Inc. has proposed a \$100 million regional project be submitted to the US Department of Transportation, for the design and construction of the 155-mile Coastal Georgia Greenway through-corridor route, and a 6-mile Jekyll Island Causeway Trail (161-miles total) by the September 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for TIGER grant funding, and

WHEREAS,

The CGG, Inc. will seek authorizing resolutions from Savannah, Richmond Hill, Midway, Riceboro, Darien, Brunswick, Woodbine, Kingsland and St. Marys and Chatham, Bryan, Liberty, McIntosh, and Camden counties as pertains to the trail within their jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS,

The 161-mile, \$100 million Coastal Georgia Greenway project will provide a wide range of benefits, ranging from *immediate* job and income creation along with increased property values to less easily quantified improvements in community health, quality of life, social fabric, environmental cleanliness and preservation of green space. The CGG will provide its six host counties (Chatham, Bryan, Liberty, McIntosh, Glynn, and Camden) and the cities therein, with an economic stimulus that will inject millions of dollars into the region and support over 1,400 construction-related jobs at the outset of shovel-ready projects for local contractors. Moreover, state and local governments can expect an economic ripple effect that will create additional tax revenue from increased labor income, retail sales, and property values; and

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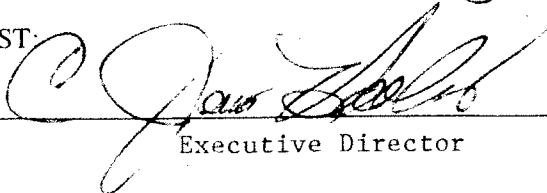
No local matching funds are required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That the Jekyll Island Authority Board of Directors resolves to be an APPLICANT for the regional Coastal Georgia Greenway TIGER Grant application, of which the McIntosh County Board of Commissioners will act as SPONSOR, for \$100 million project funding; and the Jekyll Island Authority Board of Directors will make every effort to cooperate with the Georgia Department of Transportation, Coastal Georgia Greenway, Inc., and McIntosh County to build that portion of the 161-mile (total) Coastal Georgia Greenway multi-purpose trail that lies within its jurisdiction; and authorizes the Chairperson to execute all related documentation and to include the project in the GDOT Construction Work Program.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

  
Chairperson