



RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BARRIER ISLANDS GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL (BIG-C) SUPPORTING WATERBORNE TRANSPORTATION THROUGHOUT THE BARRIER ISLANDS OF PINELLAS COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the largest economic driver of Pinellas County are the tourists that travel from all over the world to experience the beaches and waterways of the barrier islands;

WHEREAS, problems related to beach access, tourism, and public transportation are objects of the work of the BIG-C;

WHEREAS, tailored transportation solutions are needed to maximize the time tourists spend off the roads and on the water;

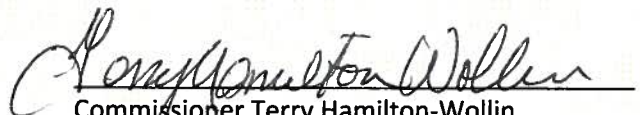
WHEREAS, waterborne transportation is a tested, efficient, and viable transportation solution for coastal communities;

WHEREAS, the barrier islands of Pinellas County boast a marine highway system that is only partially utilized and therefore requires minor infrastructure investment;

WHEREAS, waterborne transportation creates jobs and is a proven source of economic stimulus;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MEMBERS OF THE BARRIER ISLANDS GOVERNMENT COUNCIL ENCOURAGE ALL BEACH MUNICIPALITIES TO EMBRACE AND SUPPORT THE VISION OF WATERBORNE TRANSPORTATION AS A TRANSPORTATION SOLUTION FOR THE BARRIER ISLANDS.

The foregoing Resolution was offered during regular session of the Barrier Islands Government Council of Pinellas County, Florida, sitting on the 27nd day of July, 2016.


Commissioner Terry Hamilton-Wollin
BIG-C President