

RESOLUTION 08-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST
FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR
AUTHORITY (NFTCA) SUPPORTING THE
INCLUSION OF THE PORT OF PORT ST.
JOE IN THE STRATEGIC INTERMODAL
SYSTEM.**

WHEREAS, the NFTCA is charged with improving mobility on the U.S. 98 corridor in Northwest Florida to enhance traveler safety, identifying and developing hurricane evacuation routes, promoting economic development along the corridor, and implementing transportation projects to alleviate current or anticipated traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, Florida's Strategic Intermodal System, a system of the state's high-priority commercial airports, spaceport, deepwater seaports, freight rail lines and terminals, passenger rail and intercity bus terminals, navigable waterways, and highways, was established in 2003 to enhance Florida's economic competitiveness by focusing limited state resources on those transportation facilities that are critical to Florida's economy and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Port St. Joe and its expanded utilization is crucial to the economy of Gulf County and nearby counties;

WHEREAS, the Port of Port St. Joe and its expanded utilization is important to mobility throughout northwest Florida; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of the Port of Port St. Joe on the Strategic Intermodal System will further the accomplishment of the legislatively mandated Master Plan and the fulfillment of the directive to enhance traveler safety, identify and develop hurricane evacuation routes, promote economic development along the corridor, and implement transportation projects to alleviate current or anticipated traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of the Port of Port St. Joe in the Strategic Intermodal System will help NFTCA address transportation needs that are critical to mobility and help the NFTCA carry out its statutorily provided purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AUTHORITY THAT:

The NWFTCA supports the inclusion of the Port of Port St. Joe in the Strategic Intermodal System as a Planning Emerging SIS Seaport.

RESOLVED this __th day of December, 2008.

Randall A. McElheney, Chairman

ATTEST:
