

**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF BALDWIN**

**RESOLUTION # 2015-016
OF THE
BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION**

**SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED INTERSTATE 10 (I-10) MOBILE RIVER
BRIDGE PROJECT.**

WHEREAS, the South Alabama community continues to wrestle with increasing congestion along Interstate Highway 10 (I-10) and studies have revealed the I-10 tunnels under the Mobile River to be a major cause of congestion, threatening public safety as well as the vitality of our local and regional economy and impacting tourism; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) has for many years studied how to alleviate existing and projected traffic congestion while improving highway safety and driving conditions on I-10, particularly in emergencies such as hurricane evacuations and reducing hazardous materials traversing South Alabama; and

WHEREAS, ALDOT has sought to ensure that a proposed solution not jeopardize maritime commerce and construction and have minimal environmental impact, while moving the most people and product possible; and

WHEREAS, ALDOT initially identified fourteen potential, alternative bridge routes which, after further study, were narrowed to five and, after public comment and input, to three routes south of downtown Mobile; and

WHEREAS, strong current and future economic growth in the area make critical the need to decide the location of the proposed bridge and move forward with construction; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, That we hereby endorse and support ALDOT's ongoing efforts to address local and interstate traffic needs in a manner sensitive to commercial and maritime concerns, while also addressing safety and environmental issues, and urges a reasoned but speedy decision as to the location of the proposed bridge.

DONE, at the County Seat, in Bay Minette, Alabama, and under the Seal of Baldwin County, Alabama, as affixed on this the 7th day of October, 2014.



Commissioner Charles F. Gruber, Chairman



Commissioner Frank Burt, Jr.



Commissioner Chris Elliott



Commissioner Tucker Dorsey