

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE  
FOR CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI**

**WHEREAS**, central Mississippi has a rich passenger rail history but has been without passenger rail service since 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, reconnecting central Mississippi by passenger rail from Atlanta to Dallas/Fort Worth will provide a critical transportation link connecting the state capitol in Jackson and the vibrant economies of Vicksburg and Meridian along the I-20 corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, reconnecting central Mississippi as a passenger rail would link service east, west, north and south, resulting in significant economic impact to help the region capitalize on central Mississippi's assets, with particular positive economic effects to Warren County's exemplary tourist attractions, restaurants and hotels; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of passenger rail will offer Warren County residents more robust transportation options to access business, healthcare and educational opportunities across the region; and

**WHEREAS**, cooperation with host railroads to bring passenger rail will have positive industrial impacts by way of freight line improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Southern Rail Commission has worked diligently and in good faith with stakeholders, including local, state and national government partners and advocates as well as with freight railroads to establish passenger rail in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, Canadian Pacific Senior Vice President of Strategic Planning and Innovation James Clements on December 8, 2021, committed to exploring a route from Atlanta to Dallas/Fort Worth through central Mississippi that will improve connections via passenger rail; and

**WHEREAS**, Canadian Pacific has maintained an A+ rating with Amtrak on the delivery of passenger rail and has committed to that level of quality service in central Mississippi; and

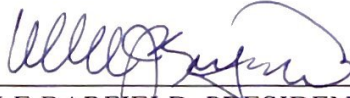
**WHEREAS**, the eminent merger between Canadian Pacific and Kansas City Southern would connect central Mississippi to a comprehensive intercontinental rail network that unites North America by connecting the heartland of the United States to Mexico and Canada;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** supports the study and establishment of passenger rail, particularly a route from Atlanta to Dallas/Fort Worth through Vicksburg, and will do our part to make passenger rail a viable asset for the city, county, surrounding region and the state of Mississippi; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** supports the Canadian Pacific and Kansas City Southern merger and urges the Surface Transportation Board to approve this merger in order for there to be a robust and mutually beneficial freight and passenger rail service in the state of Mississippi.

SO RESOLVED this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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KELLE BARFIELD, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

*Donna F. Hardy*  
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CHANCERY CLERK

