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May 11, 2016

RE: 2017 Pensacola Double Bridge Run

Dear Mr. Gomillion,

On February 4, 2017, Pensacola Sports will again host the Pensacola Double Bridge Run. The nationally recognized race will start at the Vince Whibbs Community Maritime Park, wind through Historic Downtown Pensacola before heading south across the Pensacola Bay Bridge and onto Pensacola Beach.

The past few years, Pensacola Sports has significantly increased the events amenities to improve the participant's experience as well as increased the regional and national marketing efforts. Both efforts have been very successful as the race has sold out of available entrees the last four years and is now recognized as one of the largest 15k road races in the country.

Of course, with this growth must come change. In an effort to continue the growth and to also maintain the positive experience and the utmost important issue, the safety of the participants, Pensacola Sports is working with the necessary government agencies to develop a plan to close the entire northbound lane of traffic on the 3-mile bridge for the event. We have met with the FDOT, the City of Pensacola Police Department, representative of the City of Pensacola Parks and Recreation Department and the City of Gulf Breeze Police.

One of the results of those meetings is the FDOT requires an official letter of support and/or resolution from the Santa Rosa County supporting the event and the proposed initiative.

This letter is to request your support and to provide the necessary documentation to be forwarded Pensacola Sports and FDOT to allow us to move forward in the development of the actual detailed traffic plan for execution on race day.

Last year, the Santa Rosa County Commissioners provided a proclamation supporting the event, however we did not make the course change as the process took longer than expected. We are essentially asking for the support this year so we can move forward and explore our options.

Thank you in advance for your support and please let me know if I can answer any question or concerns you have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jason Libbert', is written over a faint circular stamp.

Jason Libbert
Director of Events



RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - ____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUPPORTING THE 2017 PENSACOLA DOUBLE BRIDGE RUN**

WHEREAS, the Pensacola Sports Association (PSA) will host the 2017 Pensacola Double Bridge Run (the Run) on February 4, 2017, and that a portion of the Run traverses through the City of Gulf Breeze; and

WHEREAS, for the 2017 Run, the PSA has requested that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) permit the closure of both northbound lanes of the Pensacola Bay Bridge to accommodate Run participants; and,

WHEREAS, as part of their evaluation of the PSA request, FDOT requires a Resolution from Escambia County, Santa Rosa County, the City of Pensacola, and the City of Gulf Breeze supporting the lane closures and the event; and

WHEREAS, FDOT and the PSA will develop a Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) Plan for the proposed closure that shows a holistic and contiguous representation of the entire event route, to include the locations of all proposed traffic control devices, anticipated times of road closure, and details of traffic patterns for runners on both ends of the bridge, as well as aspects of proposed notifications to the traveling public, the proposed locations of traffic control officers and any emergency response services planned to be on standby during the event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA;

Section 1: That the Board of County Commissioners supports the 2017 Pensacola Double Bridge Run and the necessary road closures determined by FDOT based on their review of the MOT Plan.

Section 2: That this support is for the 2017 Run only and that an after action evaluation of the closure of the northbound lanes of the Pensacola Bay Bridge should be conducted to determine the effectiveness of future closures.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a vote of ____ yeas, ____ nays and ____ absent of the Board of County Commissioners on this the 26th day of May, 2016.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: Lane Lynchard, Chairman

ATTEST:

Donald C. Spencer, Clerk of Courts