**RESOLUTION 2016-004**

**WHEREAS** the Town of Olla is a local municipal government; and

**WHEREAS** freight trains travel through the Town of Olla on a regular basis, transporting dangerous cargo, such as hazardous chemicals and oil; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Olla is dedicated to ensuring the safe operation of freight trains within our municipal limits, thereby warranting that such trains are adequately manned by a sufficient number of crew members to address emergency situations; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Olla is concerned that the advent of recent technology, such as Positive Train Control (PTC), may allow the rail industry to increasingly man trains with less than two-person crews without due consideration for safety risks or without implementing risk mitigating actions that the FRA may deem necessary; and

**WHEREAS** the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FRA-2014-0033) that, among other initiatives, establishes minimum requirements for the size of train crews based on the type of operation at issue (such as hauling freight); and

**WHEREAS** the proposed rulemaking establishes a minimum requirement of two crewmembers for certain railroad operations, while also setting forth the roles and responsibilities of the second crewmember on a moving train, thereby promoting safe and effective teamwork; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Olla supports this proposed rulemaking based on the two crewmember requirement for freight and passenger trains that carry hazardous cargo, or travel at excessive speeds, through the Town of Olla; and

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of public safety, the Town of Olla suggests that the proposed FRA rule should expressly provide that two-member crews on freight trains hauling hazardous cargo are required throughout the country when those trains are travelling through the incorporated limits of the Town of Olla.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Executive Board of the Town of Olla, at its regularly convened meeting on the 10st day of May, 2016, respectfully requests that upon receipt of this resolution by the Federal Railroad Administration, the contents of this resolution be included as the official comments of the Town of Olla to proposed rule FRA-2014-0033 (RIN 2130-AC48).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Louisiana Congressional Delegation.

ATTEST: SIGNED:

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Wendy Allbritton Rhonda Elliott

Town Clerk Mayor