

**RESOLUTION NO. 2677****A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD IN  
SUPPORT OF INTEGRATING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PACIFIC  
COAST ROUTE RAIL CORRIDOR BETWEEN THE CITIES  
OF LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO INTO THE  
CALIFORNIA HIGHSPEED RAIL PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Pacific Route Rail Corridor, linking the state's pre-eminent cities of Los Angeles and San Francisco, is a major intercity travel corridor internationally known for unparalleled scenic vistas; and

**WHEREAS**, the High Speed Rail Authority is preparing a funding package to deliver high speed rail service connecting these same cities through the San Joaquin Valley, which will be submitted to California voters in the year 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, the current rail passenger service on the coastal corridor (Coast Starlight) does not adequately meet the expectations of today's modern traveler for multiple frequencies of service, on-time performance, high speed trains, and system reliability; and

**WHEREAS**, several studies have been conducted jointly by the California Department of Transportation and local agencies in northern, southern and central California, that demonstrate the potential for improved passenger rail service opportunities on the Coast Rail Corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, these studies have identified a multi-year program of incremental capital improvements to increase maximum train speed from 79 MPH to 110 MPH, at a cost ranging from \$202 million to \$700 million, to achieve a travel time from Los Angeles to San Francisco of 3 hours.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Soledad does hereby support improvements to the Coast Rail Route to build public support for the High Speed Rail project in the San Joaquin Valley and has determined that the Coastal Corridor Service will not compete with the 3-hour travel time offered by the San Joaquin Valley system.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Soledad does hereby support the High Speed Rail Authority's efforts to prepare a funding program to increase high speed rail services between San Francisco and Los Angeles by California voters in the year 2000, if improvements on the Coast Rail Corridor are integrated into the funding program.

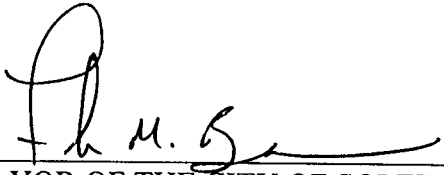
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Soledad duly held on the 17th of June, 1998 by the following vote:

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AYES, and in favor thereof, Councilmembers: Richard Ortiz, Mayor Pro Tem  
Gary Gerbrandt, Mayor Fabian Barrera

NOES, Councilmembers: None

ABSENT, Councilmembers: Ben Jimenez, Jr., Fred Ledesma

  
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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD

ATTEST:

  
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CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD