



Santa Rosa County Development Services



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Shawn Ward, AICP, Long Range Planning Manager

THROUGH: Beckie Cato, AICP, Planning Director

SUBJECT: Title VI - Nondiscrimination Program Plan Update and Resolution

DATE: January 19, 2016

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that the Board approve a resolution adopting the updated Title VI Plan as required for the receipt of federal funds.

BACKGROUND

Federal regulations require that Santa Rosa County, as a federal grant recipient and a sub-recipient of the Florida Department of Transportation, have a Title VI and Nondiscrimination Plan as a condition of receiving revenues. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance. Specifically, Title VI provides that "no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." (42 U.S.C. Section 2000d).

In January 2014, the BOCC adopted the Title VI plan as required by Federal regulations and started implementation. The plan's title is being updated to Title VI and Nondiscrimination Policy and the complaint form is updated to include the plan's website. Changes are recommended by the Florida Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2016- _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA ROSA BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADOPTING THE TITLE VI AND NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY AND PLAN INCLUDING LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (LEP)

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has enacted certain legislation known as the Title VI Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 ("Title VI Legislation"); and

WHEREAS, the Title VI Legislation require government agencies receiving federal assistance to ensure no person is excluded from participation in, denied the benefit of, or subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin during any activity or program; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations clarify the intent of Title VI to include all programs and activities of federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors whether those programs and activities are federally funded or not;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA CERTIFIES THAT THE FUNDS SHALL BE USED IN ACCORDINANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ASSURANCES AND TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Rosa County Board of County Commissioners on a vote of ___ yeas, ___ nays, and ___ absent, in regular session, this 28th day of January 2016.

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

By: _____

Lane Lynchard, BOCC Chairman

ATTEST:

**_____
Donald C. Spencer, Clerk of Courts**