

Adopted by Tallahassee  
Boosters' Club 2-23-17.

## RESOLUTION

Whereas, the building of good roads in Florida should be done as economically as possible in the matter of labor; and

Whereas, the country at large has come to look upon the convict lease system with abhorance, and this system has been abandoned by all progressive States; and

Whereas, if the convicts were put to work on all of the roads of the State of Florida for the next two years many miles of first-class highways would be finished, thus promoting the agricultural and industrial development of this State in the best possible manner to bring more taxpayers into the State as permanent residents, and the resulting benefits would be valuable, financially and otherwise, and ultimately bring into the State treasury a great deal of money, beyond the amount that could be received from the leasing of the convicts to private contractors or confining their labor to the State Farm; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Tallahassee Boosters' Club unanimously endorses the using of all able-bodied municipal, county and State prisoners on the roads of the State under the direction of the Florida State Road Department, not confining prisoners to the county where sentenced; and be it further

Resolved, That this Club will use its influence with the members of the Legislature, to have the present laws relating to the leasing of convicts so amended that said prisoners shall not be leased to private contractors. And be it further

Resolved, That this Club recommends that other commercial clubs in the State of Florida adopt a similar resolution and exert their influence to have the convict lease system abolished in Florida, for humane and economic reasons; and that the Secretary be and is hereby instructed to send printed copies of this resolution to the boards of county commissioners of each county in Florida, to commercial clubs, to the members of the Board of State institutions, and members of the Legislature of 1917.