## PROCLAMATION Resolution No. 86-49

WHEREAS, the purpose of Victims Rights Week is to recognize that all victims and witnesses are entitled to certain basic rights, among them, the right to be treated with dignity and compassion which includes the right to be informed of available human services; and,

WHEREAS, crime continues to be a serious social problem in the United States; yet, the victims of crime have often borne the costs of crime without help from anyone; and in fact, many victims and witnesses of crime suffer compounded indignities and injury by the way in which society and the Criminal Justice System treats them; and,

WHEREAS, victims and witnesses who are willing to help the Criminal Justice System are society's most valuable resource in fighting crime; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Bob Graham and the Florida Network of Victim/Witnesses Services have declared the week of April 20-26th, 1986, as Victim Rights Week, and St. Johns County Sheriff Neil Perry has requested a commemorative proclamation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 22nd day of April 1986, proclaiming

VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK April 20-26th, 1986

in St. Johns County and calling upon the citizens to recognize victims' and witnesses' rights.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

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