

RESOLUTION 87-243

WHEREAS, St. Johns County is one of the fastest growing counties in the State of Florida which creates enormous demands for infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the State Comprehensive Plan Committee has estimated a local government infrastructure backlog of over \$18 billion and a state infrastructure backlog of \$35 billion; and

WHEREAS, state and county governments have very limited sources of general revenue and those sources currently existing do not adequately keep pace with the public's demand for services; and

WHEREAS, county governments' 1987-88 fiscal year has already begun and county governments have already budgeted their share of the Sales Tax on Services that flows to them through the Local Government Half-Cent Sales Tax program; and

WHEREAS, the 1987 Legislature passed HB 1421, only after first broadening the state's revenue base by applying the Sales Tax to services; and

WHEREAS, HB 1421 authorizes county governments to impose a local option sales tax, which is a viable source of revenue for local governments to meet their own infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Association of Counties' 1987 Policy Statement recognizes the need for the state to broaden its revenue base and supports the imposition of the State Sales Tax on services.

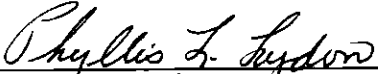
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners:

- (1) That the Board of County Commissioners endorses the Florida Association of Counties 1987 Legislative Policy Statement which supports imposing the State's Sales Tax on services and urges the Legislature to revise said tax; and
- (2) That the Legislature act to remove the mandatory requirement for a successful referendum before the Local Option Tax may be imposed by county governments; and
- (3) That the Legislature act to retain the full one-cent local option currently provided to county government; and

(4) That a copy of this Resolution be delivered immediately to the Governor of the State of Florida, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House and the President of the Florida League of Cities.

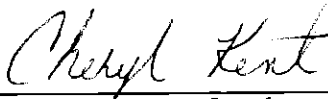
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10 day of November, 1987  
by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

  
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Its Chairman

ATTEST:  FLORIDA

Carl "Bud" Markel, Clerk

  
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Deputy Clerk