

RESOLUTION NO. 89- 69

A RESOLUTION OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROPOSING ANASTASIA STATE PARK ADDITION
Borders on the North and East by Anastasia
State Park, on the South by Salamanca Street,
and on the West by the San Jose Forest Development.

WHEREAS, this 10.8 parcel is significant in that there is very little coastal hammock remaining in St. Johns County; and,

WHEREAS, this parcel represents a prime example of a maritime forest, an area abounding in oak trees, Southern magnolia, Southern red cedar, wax myrtle, laurel oak, red bay, sabal palms, and pine trees, and many herbaceous plants; and,

WHEREAS, there are two known threated species of special concern in this area: the rare endemic Sweadeners Hairstreak butterfly and the gopher tortoise - both are under consideration by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife to be put on the National Endangered List; and,

WHEREAS, this is an area abounding in bird and mammal life - the same that exists in Anastasia State Park; and,

WHEREAS, further indiscriminate bulldozing of stands of Southern red cedar in this Anastasia State Park Buffer Zone would greatly diminish the likelihood of the Sweadeners Hairstreak butterflies' survival, as the Southern red cedar is the sole native host plant for the threatened species; and,

WHEREAS, this parcel is also overlying ancient coquina shell beds, many of which were quarried by the Spanish settlers in the late 16th century; and,

WHEREAS, there has not been an archeological assessment and the parcel is within 1-2-mile to the East of the Old Beach Road Chimney/Well quarry site used for the building of the Castillo de San Marcos; and,

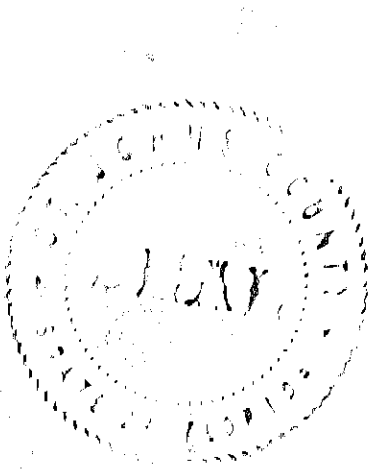
WHEREAS, this is a special area remaining in a wild state which would be a significant addition to the Anastasia State Park;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, that the Florida Department of Natural Resources consider purchasing the land described in the title through its land acquisition program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of March, 1989.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: *Ray Walden*
Chairman



ATTEST: Carl "Bud" Markel, Clerk

By: *Connie E. McDaniel*
Deputy Clerk