

RESOLUTION NO. 90- 76

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING THE CONCERN OF THE CITIZENS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA REGARDING THE INTERSTATE ALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDS RELATIVE TO THE PAYMENT OF FLORIDA TAXES; PROVIDING FOR TRUE COPIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, according to the Washington-based Tax Foundation, Florida is ranked highest in terms of tax burden per Federal grant dollar received; and

WHEREAS, according to the Tax Foundation, every dollar in Federal grant aid costs Florida taxpayers \$1.64, which is \$.04 more than the cost in fiscal year 1987, and \$.06 more than the tax costs for fiscal year 1986; and

WHEREAS, over one-third of the taxes paid in fiscal year 1988 to the Federal government by Florida taxpayers went to grant programs in other states; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the significant, rapid historic growth rate in Florida, the State's need for additional revenues has increased, creating a high demand for grant funds; and

WHEREAS, an equitable distribution of tax dollars would indicate that a higher proportion of the State's Federal tax dollar should be returned to the payer state, where there are identifiable needs for such revenues.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby expresses its concern that there is an inequitable distribution of grant funds relative to the amount of Federal tax dollars paid by Florida taxpayers to the Federal government, and the Commission urges the Congress and the President to express to the various Federal agencies administering the multitude of grant programs the need to redefine the criteria governing the allocation of grants in such a way that there is a higher positive correlation between the grant funds returnable to the various states and the Federal tax dollars paid by the residents of such states.

Section 2. The Clerk is hereby directed to provide a true copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Florida Association of Counties, the Florida League of Cities, United States Senator Bob Graham, United States Senator Connie Mack, Congressman Bill Nelson, the St. Johns County Legislative Delegation, the Honorable Bob Martinez, Governor of the State of Florida, and each of the municipalities of St. Johns County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of April, 1990
by the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Vice-Chairman

ATTEST: CARL "BUD" MARKEL, CLERK

By: 
Clerk