WHEREAS, Florida Statute 409.267 requires that counties participate in the payment of Medicaid covered expenses for hospital services (at a rate of 35% for the 13th through the 45th day) and nursing home services (at a rate of no more than \$55.00 per month); and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services provides residency certification to the Counties; and

WHEREAS, the County has the responsibility of verifying the client's residency in St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed House Bill 2981 amending F.S. 409.267 provides for adjustment by HRS and authorizes the Department of HRS to assess interest at a rate of 1% per month on billings not paid within thirty days; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment provides that payment would be made in full by the County pending the County's request to HRS for an adjustment of billing received for non-residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, the billing amount forwarded to St. Johns County has shown drastic increases during the past two years due to expanded Medicaid Coverage for additional groups; and

WHEREAS, the billing paid by St. Johns County during the six-month period of 9/89 - 2/90 shows a 131.5% increase over the billings paid during the same six-month period one year ago; and

WHEREAS, there has been a corresponding increase in the number of erroneous billings received for clients who are not St. Johns County residents including billings for Adult Congregate Living Facilities; and

WHEREAS, the State Medicaid program office projects a continued increase of 33.6% for hospital services and 10.8% for nursing home residents during the State 90-91 fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, do hereby:

Request that the local legislative delegation oppose the passage of House Bill 2981 or any other legislation which would amend F.S. 409.267 and require counties to increase payments to the State for Medicaid covered residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners direct the St. Johns County Clerk of Court to provide the Governor and each member of the legislative delegation with a copy of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of May, 1990 by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida

> BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST: CARL "BUD" MARKEL, CLERK

By: Carp " Market