

RESOLUTION 92 - 26

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR, CABINET AND LEGISLATORS, ELECTED BY AND REPRESENTING THE CITIZENS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, TO VOTE AGAINST ANY TAX INCREASE AND TO DOWNSIZE STATE GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, The citizens of St. Johns County have continuously expressed their belief that government bureaucracy is a cancerous growth that is out of control, and

WHEREAS, The State of Florida's bureaucracy is constantly trying to expand its services, its control and its budgets, and

WHEREAS, Increased mandates, regulations and budgets of the State of Florida's growing bureaucracy have put many citizens of St. Johns County at risk of losing their financial security, their homes, or their business, and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County is very concerned about the tax burden imposed on the citizens of St. Johns County by various governments and governmental agencies, and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County has worked diligently to downsize county government and has initiated stringent budgetary controls and cost cutting measures, and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County reduced the St. Johns County budget in excess of 10% in 1991 and are striving to further reduce spending a minimum of 5% in 1992, and

WHEREAS, The citizens of St. Johns County have continuously requested that the State of Florida reduce its spending levels, and

WHEREAS, The taxpayers of St. Johns County have repeatedly requested that the State of Florida not increase taxes, and

WHEREAS, The State of Florida's bureaucracy has to learn to live within their economic means.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County request that Governor Lawton Chiles, the Florida Cabinet, Senator Bill Bankhead, Representative Chance Irvine, Representative Joe Arnall and Representative Kelley Smith, as elected representatives of the citizens of St. Johns County:

1. Vote against or Veto ANY form of tax increase by or for the State of Florida.

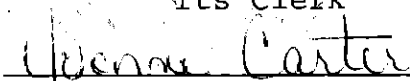
2. Work to DOWNSIZE (not rightsize) the government of the State of Florida through the reduction of employees of the State of Florida, the reduction of all government departments and functions, the elimination of bureaucratic and useless programs, and the reduction or elimination of State mandates on local governments.

ADOPTED this 11th day of February, 1992.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST: Carl "Bud" Markel  
its Clerk

  
its Vice-Chairman

  
Deputy Clerk