RESOLUTION NO. ___92-89

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF SAID COUNTY AND ITS SUBDIVISIONS AS PART OF THE REGION'S OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, St. Johns county is an active and financial member of the Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council; and

whereas, St. Johns County supports the recent vote by majority membership of the Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council (consisting of elected officials and Governor appointees of Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam, and St. Johns Counties) which adopted by resolution on the Seventh day of May, 1992, the designation of Northeast Florida as "An Overall Economic Development District"; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County recognizes the need to support and promote economic development for its citizens, either by local initiatives or combined local/regional assisted programs; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County supports and promotes economic development to improve its infrastructure needed to sustain systems and economic development, and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County recognizes that long-range economic development planning is mutually beneficial to its political subdivisions, the subdivisions of Northeast Florida; and is a prerequisite to sound decision making in economic development; and

whereas, any responsible economic development policy involves, among other things, the identification of areas which are economically distressed, economic growth centers, emerging growth centers and pockets of poverty where the County finds that available regional or federal resources may be channelled; and

whereas, St. Johns County also agrees there is a need for greater economic development planning and assistance to help areas to overcome bottlenecks impeding economic progress; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County supports the Council in its attempt to have the designation of the Region as "An Overall Economic Development District" to procure funds or assistance when available for local economic development needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County hereby officially supports the Council in its preparation of an "Overall Economic Development District Plan" for the Region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council, as part of a package to Governor Lawton Chiles, the appropriate State of Florida Departments, and the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration.

Passed and adopted this <u>26</u> day of <u>May</u>, 1992 by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida.

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ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk