

RESOLUTION NO. 93-148

**A RESOLUTION OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING
OPPOSITION TO A PROPOSED TAX INCREASE BY THE ST. JOHNS RIVER
WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT.**

WHEREAS, St. Johns County, Florida is working aggressively to reduce its millage rate in order to mitigate the impact of impending increases in federal taxes, and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County views the proposed increase by the St. Johns River Water Management District as unrealistic at a time when many citizens are experiencing economic hardship; and

WHEREAS, land purchases by the water district remove those properties from the tax rolls, thereby negatively affecting local tax bases, and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County supports the protection of environmentally sensitive lands and waters but contends that such protection can be best achieved by the coordination of efforts by all state and federal regulatory agencies (St. Johns River Water Management District, U.S. Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA that the Board by a majority vote opposes any increase in the millage rate of the St. Johns River Water Management District, urges the exercise of extreme prudence in land purchases, and requests that the agency coordinate its efforts with other state and federal regulatory agencies to achieve their mutual objectives in a manner that is cost-effective and reflects concern for taxpayers.

ADOPTED this 14 day of September, 1993.

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

By: *Linda Balavage*
Its Chair

ATTEST:

By: *Juan Baeza*
Deputy Clerk