

RESOLUTION NO. 93- 87

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
ESTABLISHING A "PLAY STREET" PROGRAM FOR A PORTION  
OF KING STREET AND SETTING FORTH ITS PURPOSE FOR USE

WHEREAS, alcohol abuse is a major problem in all urban centers in our State and County and in addition various forms of drug abuse adversely effect our young people; and

WHEREAS, the closing of a portion of King Street for special drug-free events will help to reduce the demand for drugs and alcohol; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Drug-Free Program will help citizens and participants to lead productive lives and contribute to their communities; and

WHEREAS, keeping children's minds and hands busy, occupied with wholesome activities will contribute and help prevent unlawful behavior; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a "Play Street" on King Street between Rodriguez and South Whitney will enhance the objectives of the County Recreation Department and the Teen Alliance Center; and

WHEREAS, the King Street "Play Street" Program will provide an opportunity for parents, families, volunteers and sponsors to participate in worthwhile activities in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, that the King Street "Play Street" Program attached hereto, is hereby authorized and instituted to help bring about a drug-free community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of May, 1993,  
by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County,  
Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: Linda Balsavage  
Chair - Linda Balsavage

ATTEST: CARL "BUD" MARKEL, CLERK

BY: Yvonne Carter  
Deputy Clerk

## King Street "Play Street" Program:

### PREAMBLE.

In many communities throughout the United States streets are closed to the public to allow the children in the community to play. This happens often in summertime to turn on sprinklers or open fire hydrants for children to play and also cool off, while adults in the community provide supervision. Traffic is re-routed to provide the area in inner cities.

In colder climates, during the winter months, streets which are suitable are used as public slopes for children to use their sleighs and play in the snow. Often, the use of "Play Streets" emerge in an informal way, which evolves into a structured and important recreational activity for families in the community.

### KING STREET "PLAY STREET" PROGRAM:

This program allows County Administrator or designee to cause King Street between Rodriguez Street and South Whitney Street to be closed to traffic one Saturday a month to allow for a soap box derby on King Street. A detour shall be established for traffic.

The King Street "Play Street" Program is intended to provide positive recreational activities for "at risk" youths who will be involved in a team activity to build and race a car for the derby. The long summer months offer an ideal opportunity for juvenile delinquency. Participation in the derby shall be tied to satisfactory performance in school. It will also involve interaction between youths and adults to provide positive role models for the children.

It is hoped that the Police Athletic League will assume main responsibility for this Program, although it may also be sponsored by the County and the Teen Alliance Center, which is located on King Street. This "Play Street" program is intended to provide a structured recreational activity for the King Street area.