

RESOLUTION 94- 173

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA SUPPORTING REINSTATEMENT OF PRAYER IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States Article (1) states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."; and

WHEREAS, our nation was founded upon many different religious beliefs and ideals of settlers from other countries; and

WHEREAS, the framers of our Constituion sought to protect everyone from one mandated state religion; and

WHEREAS, our nation was founded on the freedom OF RELIGION and was not founded on the freedom FROM RELIGION; and

WHEREAS, through time, court decisions and certain interest groups have contributed to the deterioration of those religious beliefs and ideals to the extent that prayer has been banned from the public school system; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners strongly believes that reinstitution of prayer in the public schools will move this nation toward those religious beliefs and ideals upon which this nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners and Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners urge St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners to join all cities and counties across this Nation in an effort to reinstate prayer in the public schools by passing similar resolutions and uniting in a "grass roots" movement for that purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners, St. Johns County, Florida strongly urges that prayer be returned to the public school systems of this nation and invites all cities and counties across this Nation to join in an effort to reinstate prayer in the public schools by passing similar resolutions and uniting in a grass roots movement for that purpose.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13 DAY OF September, 1994.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: Alan Roberts
Its Chair

ATTEST: CARL "BUD" MARKEL, CLERK

BY: Erna Pacetti
Deputy Clerk