

R E S O L U T I O N

NO. 94-56

WHEREAS, the Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council has been an integral part of the planning process for the future of Northeast Florida since 1977; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council provides a forum and mechanism for the translation of numerous statewide programs/priorities to local government and for the collective articulation of local governments' problems and prospects to the State; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the ELMS III legislation, the Florida legislature found, in part "The regional planning council is recognized as Florida's multipurpose regional entity that is in a position to plan for and coordinate intergovernmental solutions to growth-related problems on greater-than-local issues, provide technical assistance to local governments, and meet other needs of the communities in each region."; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the ELMS III legislation, the Florida legislature required the Councils to undertake new and substantial increased responsibilities, including the development of a Strategic Regional Policy Plan, development and operation of a regional dispute resolution process, and the development and implementation of a "cross-acceptance" process; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this increased work load, in addition to the multitude of other ongoing state determined roles and responsibilities, the Department of Community Affairs recommended that the Councils (all eleven of them) should receive a total of \$3,936,030 in state appropriations for FY 94-95; and

WHEREAS, member local governments of the Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council have historically and consistently provided "their share" of funding to the Council; and

WHEREAS, in order to undertake the programmatic responsibilities assigned to the Councils which are important to both the state and local government partners there needs to be an expanded consistent level of funding from the State; and

WHEREAS, both the House Appropriations (\$0) and Senate Appropriations (\$1.1m) have significantly reduced the amount of funding requested for Councils by DCA; and

WHEREAS, at these decreased levels of funding, the Council will be unable to meet its statutory responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

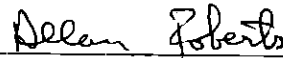
It is requested of the Florida Legislature to fully fund the Regional Planning Councils for FY 94-95 at the level of funding recommended by DCA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

The Florida Legislature develop a consistent and continuing funding mechanism to adequately provide for funding of Florida's Regional Planning Councils.

Unanimously adopted this 22 day of March, 1994, by the St. Johns County Commission.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Chairman, Allan Roberts

ATTEST:



Clerk