

RESOLUTION 95-102

A RESOLUTION BY THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN SUPPORT
OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
PROPOSED RELOCATION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM FROM TALLAHASSEE TO ST.
AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the Florida Agriculture Museum is a non-profit direct support organization of the Florida Department of Agriculture, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Museum is searching for a site upon which to develop a State museum, and;

WHEREAS, a group of public officials and private individuals have made a determined effort to have St. Johns County named as the ideal location for this museum, and;

WHEREAS, St. Johns County is the site where the first Cracker cattle grazed in Florida in 1520, marking the beginning of the cattle industry in America, and;

WHEREAS, St. Johns County was the location of the first farm in America, and;

WHEREAS, St. Johns County is the location of the Town of Hastings, Potato Capital of Florida, and twelfth in the nation in potato crop acreage, and:

WHEREAS, the datil pepper was first grown in St. Johns County 200 years ago and remains a crop almost exclusive to St. Johns County, and;

WHEREAS, the St. Augustine Sweet Onion was developed in St. Johns County and is now distributed throughout the Southeast, and;

WHEREAS, St. Johns County is the location of the World Golf Village Convention Center, the PGA TOUR headquarters, the ATP headquarters and other major sports attractions, and;

WHEREAS, St. Johns County has three major highways - Interstate 95, Highway A1A and U.S. 1 - crossing its length, providing a direct route for tourists to access the museum, and;

WHEREAS, St. Johns County is a progressive county that is a popular tourist destination and residential community, yet still retains a rural quality, and;

WHEREAS, St. Johns County is the ideal location for the Florida Agricultural Museum,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ST. JOHNS COUNTY FLORIDA, that the County fully supports the relocation of the Florida Agricultural Museum to St. Johns County, for the benefit of State and County residents and tourists and to further emphasize the important role of St. Johns County in the development of agriculture in the State of Florida and the United States of America.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners, St. Johns County, Florida, this 23rd day of May, 1995.

By Barbara Ward
Chairman

ATTEST: Carl "Bud" Markel, Clerk

Patricia DePardo
Deputy Clerk