

RESOLUTION NO. 95-120

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA DESIGNATING THE NORTHEAST FLORIDA PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD FOR ST. JOHNS COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners recognizes that a well-trained , skilled and flexible workforce is the lifeblood of a County's economy, particularly in attracting, expanding and retaining highly desirable business and industry; and

WHEREAS, workforce development opportunities for all sectors of the labor force, including those who are disadvantaged or who have been displaced, are critical in maintaining a productive society where all citizens have the opportunity to make a positive contribution; and

WHEREAS, the nature of business and employment have fundamentally changed with technological advances, keener domestic and global competition, enhanced efficiencies and quality improvements requiring the workforce to continually enhance skill levels, update old skills and learn new skills in order to remain competitive; and

WHEREAS, there is a general recognition at all levels of government, in the private sector, within the educational community, in management and labor as well as from the current employment and training, planning and delivery field that the existing system of workforce development must be reinvented; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress is currently considering legislation to accomplish that reinvention with the intent of transferring substantial decision-making responsibilities and funding from the federal government to state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, effective transformation of the employment and training system will require a local planning, funding and evaluation component such as a Workforce Investment Board at the local level; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners desires to ensure that planning and decision-making relating to local workforce development occur with substantial input provided by local elected officials who understand and are sensitive to the workforce preparation and economic development needs of St. Johns County, and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County enjoys the benefits of a coordination of comprehensive planning efforts with all other counties in the Northeast Florida Region through their association with the Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County also enjoys the benefits of those planning efforts related to employment and training through the Northeast Florida Private Industry Council within the Regional Planning Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida that the Northeast Florida Private Industry Council be designated as the Workforce Investment Board for St. Johns County to assume the responsibilities of comprehensive labor market research, strategic planning, funding allocation and program performance evaluation and additional responsibilities as may be described in such federal or state legislation as may be enacted and/or by Executive Order of the Governor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of June, 1995 by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Barbara Ward
Chairman

ATTEST: CARL "BUD" MARKEL, CLERK

By: Rosemary Lewis
Deputy Clerk