

RESOLUTION NO. 95- 68

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA OPPOSING RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE PRESIDENT'S FY 1996 BUDGET REQUEST WHICH WOULD REMOVE FEDERAL PARTICIPATION IN WATER PROJECTS, INCLUDING BEACH NOURISHMENT PROJECTS, WHICH ARE NOT "NATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT", RECOMMENDING RETAINING THE CURRENT FEDERAL CRITERIA FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION AND COST-SHARING, RECOMMENDING OPPOSING FUTURE LEGISLATION WHICH MAY ELIMINATE OR REDUCE FEDERAL PARTICIPATION IN SUCH PROJECTS, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, President Clinton's Fiscal Year 1996 budget request contains proposals to introduce legislation which will eliminate federal financial participation in water projects, including shore erosion control, hurricane and storm damage reduction, and flood control projects which are not considered to be of "national significance", and including all beach nourishment projects nationwide; and

WHEREAS, for those projects which can demonstrate "national significance" the Administration proposes to increase the minimum qualifying benefit/cost ratio to 2:1 from 1:1, and to increase the non-federal share of the cost from 25% to 75%; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County beachfront has been and is continuing to experience severe erosion due to natural causes such as sea level rise and man-made influences such as dredging the St. Augustine Channel; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County has acted as local sponsor for numerous federally-funded beach renourishment projects; and

WHEREAS, beaches are the most important single factor influencing tourism in Florida; and

WHEREAS, travel and tourism is the largest industry in the U.S. and the world, the largest employer in the U.S., accounts for the greatest job growth in the U.S., is the leading component of a growing service-industry international trade surplus for the U.S. (only agriculture generates a larger trade surplus), and is an

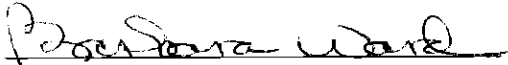
industry in which the U.S. dominates worldwide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, in open session this 11th day of April, 1995, that St. Johns County strongly urges President Clinton and the Administration to withdraw the recommendations in the FY 1996 budget request to eliminate federal participation in shoreline erosion control, hurricane and storm wave damage reduction, and flood control projects not considered to be of "national significance", and not to introduce legislation which would provide for such recommendations.

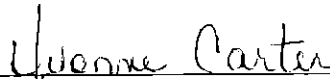
AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board urges that current federal cost-sharing criteria, which have resulted in very successful and efficient shore protection projects in St. Johns County, Florida, and in the U.S., not be changed to increase the non-federal financial responsibility for these economically vital projects.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of April, 1995, by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**


CHAIRMAN

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