A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY RETAINING AND AUTHORIZING THE LAW FIRM OF BENNETT AND BEDSOLE, P.A. TO CONTINUE REPRESENTING ST. JOHNS COUNTY IN THE LAW SUIT OF SUTTLE V. ST. JOHNS COUNTY, NOW ON APPEAL BEFORE THE 5TH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS.

WHEREAS, the law firm of Bennett and Bedsole, P.A. successfully defended St. Johns County in the circuit court trial of this case; and

WHEREAS, the circuit court judgement in this case, which is in favor of the County, has been appealed by the Plaintiff to the 5th District Court of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Office of the County Attorney that the same firm that successfully defended the case in circuit court also represent the County before the 5th District Court of Appeals, in that that firm is most knowledgeable about the background and trial of that case.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida that:

Section 1. The law firm of Bennett and Bedsole, P.A. is retained under the same terms and conditions as previously established in their representation of the County in this matter, to continue representing St. Johns County for this matter before the 5th District Court of Appeals of Florida and other courts.

Section 2. The cap for payment for such representation is increased by \$5000.00 which shall be applicable to all legal services provided by Bennett and Bedsole, P.A. which are directly related to the matter of Suttle v. St. Johns County in whatever court or forum it may be heard.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this <u>9th</u> day of July, 1996.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:

Chairman Donald Jordan

ATTEST: CARL "BUD" MARKEL, CLERK

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