RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION COUNTY FOR AN ARTIFICIAL FISHING REEF GRANT FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, OFFICE OF FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AND ASSISTANCE SERVICES; CERTIFYING THAT ST. JOHNS COUNTY A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE GRANT; CONFIRMING THAT ST. JOHNS COUNTY IS FISCALLY ABLE AND LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTER THE BUILDING OF THE ARTIFICIAL REEF; AND CERTIFYING THAT THE FACILITY WILL BE OPEN TO ANY AND ALL SEGMENTS OF THE PUBLIC.

WHEREAS, St. Johns County recognizes the recreational contribution of an artificial ocean fishing reef to County residents as well as to visitors from other areas of Florida and from out of State; and

WHEREAS, there have been and will be interested citizens, civic groups, and governmental agencies continually interested in advertising and promoting the use of the artificial fishing reef; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Facilities Maintenance Department has prepared a grant application dated 1996 - 1997 for the construction of a artificial fishing reef under the Office of Fisheries Management and Assistance Services located at Tallahassee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, it is required by the Division of Marine Resources that a resolution be adopted and become an official part of the application;

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

- 1. The County as a Governmental Entity is eligible to receive the above-described grant.
- 2. The County is fiscally able and legally responsible to administer the building of the artificial reef and hereby certifies that the facility will be open to any and all segments of the public.
- 3. By completion and submission of the above-mentioned application, the County hereby requests grant funds in the amount of \$25,000.

4. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to apply for the grant funds from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Fisheries Management and Assistance Services.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 27 day of February, 1996.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: A Jordan Chairman

ATTEST: CARL "BUD" MARKEL, CLERK

Deputy Clark