RESOLUTION NO. 96-42 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Water and Sewer Authority (hereinafter referred to as the "Authority") is an appointed board established pursuant to St. Johns County Ordinance No. 89-63, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority has expertise in the regulation of privately owned water and sewer systems, and in particular, the setting of customer rates and charges; and,

whereas, the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners may desire from time to time to refer to the Authority issues relating to rates, conditions of service, and other matters regarding the St. Johns County Water and Sewer System for the purpose of obtaining recommendations by the Authority.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY as follows:

- 1. Upon direction by the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners, the St. Johns County Water and Sewer Authority is authorized to review and consider any issues referred to it by the Board in reference to the St. Johns County Water and Sewer System.
- 2. The Authority is authorized to hold public hearings in order to receive comments from the citizens of St. Johns County and interested persons.
- 3. The Authority is authorized to make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. Such recommendations shall not be binding upon the Board, and the Board does hereby retain absolute discretion to determine and fix rates and charges, conditions of service, and any other matters relating to the St. Johns County Water and Sewer System.

RESOLVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED at St. Johns County, Florida, this <u>12th</u> day of March , 1996.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY

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CARL "BUD" MARKEL

Deputy Clerk