

RESOLUTION NO. 96- 82

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED
NATIONAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN ARCHIVES
AND MUSEUM CONCEPT AND LOCATION
IN ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proposed National African American Archives and Museum is to collect, preserve and interpret the heritage, culture, traditions, customs, contributions and achievements of African Americans, past and present, throughout the history of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, this will be achieved through the collection and preservation of artifacts, exhibits, and artistic works of African Americans; and,

WHEREAS, there is no other museum in the United States comparable in scope and purpose dedicated to the history and contributions of African Americans in this nation; and,

WHEREAS, the African American population in the United States numbers 25 million, many of whom would be drawn to St. Johns County to view and make use of the National African American Archives and Museum for recreation, reflection, research and understanding; and,

WHEREAS, St. Johns County is a uniquely ideal location for a project of this scope, due to the founding of the Florida Memorial College, first free black colony of Fort Mose, and the Lincolnville historic district noted as one of the National Historic Places in America


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, that support of the concept be offered for this project to preserve and celebrate the history, culture, spirit and talents of African Americans.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of May, 1996, by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY FLORIDA


DONALD JORDAN, Chairman

ATTEST: CARL "BUD" MARKEL, CLERK


Deputy Clerk