

RESOLUTION NO. 97- 156

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING LOCATING THE MANAGEMENT OFFICE FOR THE GUANA/TOLOMATO/MATANZAS NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE AT THE WHITNEY LABORATORY.

WHEREAS, the Guana/Tolomato/Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve has been nominated to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for consideration as a National Estuarine Research Reserve; and

WHEREAS, a 28 member advisory council has been working diligently to assist the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in preparing the management plan and performing other tasks required to achieve designation of the site; and

WHEREAS, the mission of this management plan is to foster research and educational programs to promote better understanding of this particular type of environment; and

WHEREAS, a major function of the University of Florida Whitney Laboratory is to engage in marine science research and education; and

WHEREAS, the Whitney Laboratory currently provides extensive outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, the Whitney Laboratory is situated in Flagler and St. Johns Counties providing easy access to residents of both communities.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida to endorse locating the management office for the Guana/Tolomato/Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve at the University of Florida Whitney Laboratory if adequate and suitable space is available.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 23rd day of September, 1997 by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
David Bruner, Chairman

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: 
Deputy Clerk