

RESOLUTION NO. 97 -176

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX DOLLARS FOR A MULTI-DIMENSIONAL, INTERACTIVE PLAYGROUND TO ATTRACT TOURISTS AND TO ENHANCE THEIR VISIT.

WHEREAS, St. Johns County is desirous of participating in the construction of a multi-dimensional, interactive playground adjacent to the Visitors Information Center on a 120 x 150 project site, and

WHEREAS, this multi-dimensional, interactive playground will feature such items as the City Gates, a Spanish Fortress, the Fountain of Youth, the Bridge of Lions, and a Lighthouse, all popular sites for tourists to enjoy, as well as numerous slides, swings, and parallel bars, among other elements of this facility, and

WHEREAS, this multi-dimensional, interactive playground will be promoted through the Visitors and Convention Bureau and will attract additional tourists to the county and provide a valuable resource to enhance the stay of the visitor, and

WHEREAS, the Tourist Development Council has approved the expenditure of funds to attract tourists and to enhance the visitor's stay, and

WHEREAS, the county has available funds in its Category III Tourist Development Tax Reserve to provide \$10,000 for the construction of this project, and

WHEREAS, other counties with similar projects have experienced an increase in tourism and participation from families in using similar facilities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA;

Section (1): That \$10,000 be paid to PROJECT S.W.I.N.G. for the construction of the multi-dimensional, interactive playground adjacent to the Visitors Information Center parking lot.

Section (2): That a budget amendment is hereby approved transferring \$10,000 from the Category III Tourist Development Tax

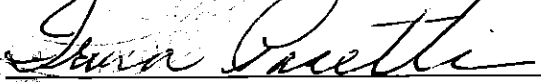
Reserve to a PROJECT S.W.I.N.G. line item to fund the construction.

PASSED AND ENACTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this 28 day of October, 1997.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY

BY: 
Chairman

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

BY: 
Deputy Clerk