

RESOLUTION NO. 97 - 198

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA DESIGNATING THE ROAD FORMERLY KNOWN AS NINE MILE ROAD AS "THE HISTORIC NINE MILE ROAD" AND REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO DESIGNATE THE FORMER NINE MILE ROAD AS "THE HISTORIC NINE MILE ROAD".**

**WHEREAS**, The road formerly known as Nine Mile Road (now legally termed International Golf Parkway) lying between State Road Number 16 and U.S. Highway Number 1 has the following historical significance according to research conducted by the St. Augustine Historical Society:

The earliest indication of human presence in the area of Nine Mile Road is the discovery of two spear points estimated to be two to five thousand years old north of the road.

Nine Mile Road was so named because it's early eastern terminus at the King's Road, built in 1775 (near U.S. Highway Number 1), was nine miles north of St. Augustine.

Between the terminus of Nine Mile Road at the King's Road and State Road Number 16, Nine Mile Road passes through portions of Twelve Mile Swamp and crosses land originally granted to the Indian trading firm of Panton Leslie and Co. by the British Crown some time after 1763. In 1813, the same tract of 10,000 acres passed to the St. Augustinian, Antonio Huertas through a grant from the Spanish governor, Sebastian Kindelan.

From the early 1800s the pine flatwoods bordering the road were noted for grazing cattle and for producing turpentine.

Nine Mile Road has existed from the above early inception to the present providing a means of transportation for citizens of St. Johns County and a significant portion of the road has been previously designated as a Scenic Highway.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida that county road formerly known as Nine Mile Road (now legally termed International Golf Parkway) is hereby designated "**The Historic Nine Mile Road**" for recognition and informational purposes only.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the State Legislature is hereby requested to designate the county road formerly known as Nine Mile Road as "**The Historic Nine Mile Road**".

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1997.

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: *Cheryl Strickland*  
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Board of County Commissioners  
of St. Johns County, Florida

By: *Mosa A. Hoyle*  
Chairman