

RESOLUTION 97 - 70

A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SUPPORT BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, TO EXPLORE LOCATIONS AND POTENTIAL ACREAGE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A JUVENILE CUSTODY FACILITY FOR A ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FEMALE CENTER. SUCH A CENTER WILL PROVIDE SECURE CUSTODY, CARE, SUPERVISION, ADDRESSING AREAS OF EDUCATION, BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, MENTAL HEALTH, LIFE SKILLS, FAMILY ISSUES, AND OTHER RELATED SERVICES FOR AN ALL FEMALE OFFENDER CENTER FROM 12 TO 18 YEARS OF AGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida hereby finds and determines the following:

WHEREAS, the construction and operation of said Juvenile Detention facility shall serve and promote the community interest and public welfare; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a 52-bed female Juvenile Center shall generate approximately \$3 million in construction costs in St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, a 52-bed facility generates approximately \$1.25 million in annual operations; and

WHEREAS, a facility with available capacity of 50 to 100 youths will generate job opportunities for approximately 75 to 100 positions; and

WHEREAS, such facility starting salary for a high school educated person at a secure setting range from \$17,000 to \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, economic opportunities for employment for local citizens, income levels which are very low and on welfare can be enhanced greatly; and

WHEREAS, Full Time Equivalency (FTE) earning for the County School Board equal \$2,890.59 per student; and

WHEREAS, a 52-bed facility creation will enhance St. Johns County economic impact and tax bases; and

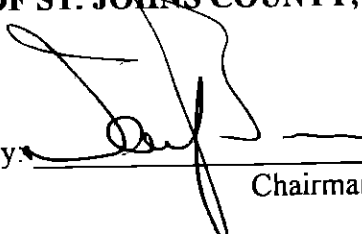
WHEREAS, the State of Florida will forego all cost of construction and annual payroll; and

WHEREAS, location of a Juvenile facility in that area could provide tremendous employment opportunities, resources for community work projects, and a variety of economic benefits, which is needed in St. Johns County in all districts.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of St. Johns County, Florida,

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida this 22nd day of April, 1997.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By:  _____
Chairman

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland

By:  _____
Deputy Clerk