

RESOLUTION NO. 98-205

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE AD HOC
RECREATION, EDUCATION, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
BOARD (R.E.C.) ACTIVITIES TO REPAIR, IMPROVE AND OPERATE
THE KETTERLINUS GYM BUILDING AS A YOUTH CENTER.**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has passed a Resolution number 98-144 establishing St. Johns County as a Community of Promise; and

Whereas, on August 26, 1997, the Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution 97-139, establishing Children's Task Groups to develop a plan for better meeting our children's needs; and

WHEREAS, many St. Johns County residents have been working to develop a teenage recreation center; and

WHEREAS, the demolition of the former Recreation and Parks building located on Castillo Drive displaced numerous youth service organizations who are in need of activity spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Plan calls for five fundamental resources - a personal one to one relationship with a caring adult; a safe place to learn and grow; a healthy start and a healthy environment; a marketable skill; and a chance to give back to the community; - have proven effective in helping children to succeed in school and prepare for life; and

WHEREAS, the R.E.C. Board (Recreation, Education, Community Involvement) supports these five fundamental principles, and said five principles support the public health, welfare and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Ketterlinus Gym building is being used by the County Department of Recreation and Parks, under a lease dated January 11, 1994 for a period of twenty (20) years from the St. Johns County School Board, for youth recreation activities and is in need of repair and improvement for greater community use; and

WHEREAS, the R.E.C. Board wishes to support and assist in the repair and improvement of the Ketterlinus Gym building and to develop and operate additional programs and services for youth;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County that:

1. The Board reaffirms its support for the volunteer efforts of the R.E.C. Board in repairing, improving and establishing the Ketterlinus Gym building as a youth recreation center under the direction and cooperation of the St. Johns County Department of Recreation and Parks and in accordance with the provisions of the lease with the St. Johns County School Board dated January 11, 1994 .
2. The Board agrees that the facility, when improved, may be used by other community groups with similar public purposes, on an as available basis, by scheduling through the Department of Recreation and Parks.
3. The Board encourages the St. Johns County School Board to support this effort by adopting a similar resolution or statement of support.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 10 day of November, 1998.

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

By: Moses A. Floyd
Chairman

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By: Patricia A. DeGrande
Deputy Clerk

