RESOLUTION 98 - 63

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF S. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, URGING THE 1998 FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PASS HB 3427 AND SB 882 WHICH PROVIDES A DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE FOR STATEWIDE BEACH MANAGEMENT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, St. Johns County has been working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the State Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Beaches and Shores, to construct a renourishment project in FY 2000; and

WHEREAS, over $2.5 million will be needed from State sources to match the Federal and local share; and

WHEREAS, when legislation authorizing the State's beach management program was enacted in 1986, the Legislature declared an intent to "appropriate at least $35 million annually" to implement this program; and

WHEREAS, appropriations over the past decade have fallen far short of the amount needed to repair the State's eroding beaches; and

WHEREAS, Legislation, designated HB 3427 and SB 882, has been introduced in the 1998 Legislature, which provides for a stable, designated funding source for Florida's Beach Management Program;

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

Section 1. The Board supports legislative efforts to provide a stable, long-term, dedicated funding strategy to protect, restore, and enhance Florida's beaches, and urges the Legislature to pass into law HB 3427 and SB 882 as introduced.

Section 2. The Board authorizes and directs the County Administrator to furnish copies of this Resolution to St. John's County's State Legislative Delegation, the President of the Florida Senate, and the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ___10____ DAY OF MARCH, 1998
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By

Its Chair

DATE 03/10/98

ATTESTED: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By

Deputy Clerk