

RESOLUTION NO. 98-72

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE DENIAL OF PAROLE FOR THOMAS E. DeSHERLIA

WHEREAS, in 1975, Ronald A. Parker served the citizens and residents of the Town of St. Augustine Beach as its Deputy Marshal; and

WHEREAS, while investigating a single vehicle accident at a St. Augustine Beach business, Deputy Marshal Parker was shot and killed by Thomas E. DeSherlia; and

WHEREAS, Thomas E. DeSherlia was convicted of the murder of Deputy Marshal Ronald A. Parker and was sentenced to life in prison with a minimum 25-year sentence before parole eligibility; and

WHEREAS, in July 1998, Thomas DeSherlia is scheduled for an interview by the Florida Parole Commission to consider a possible parole date in the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County, the City of St. Augustine Beach, the City of St. Augustine, the St. Johns County Sheriff's Department and many concerned individuals in the community are concerned about the July 1998 interview before the Florida Parole Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, joins with the City of St. Augustine Beach, the City of St. Augustine, the St. Johns County Sheriff's Department, and concerned family members and community residents, to urge the Florida Parole Commission to deny parole to Mr. DeSherlia for the horrendous crime committed against Deputy Marshal Parker, his family, his friends and our entire community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of March, 1998 by the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Moses A. Floyd
Chairman

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: Patricia De Grande
Deputy Clerk