

RESOLUTION 98 - 73

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED FUNDING OF THE PRESERVATION 2000 PROGRAM; REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR THE PRESERVATION 2000 PROGRAM FROM THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE, THE FLORIDA SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE, THE FLORIDA SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE. THE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATES FROM FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICTS 18, 19, AND 20, AND FLORIDA SENATE DISTRICTS 2, 6 AND 8; AUTHORIZING ST. JOHNS COUNTY TO INITIATE A CAMPAIGN OF SUPPORT.

WHEREAS, Preservation 2000 is a ten-year program designed to acquire and therefore save Florida's best remaining natural land, and is the state's most comprehensive land protection program; and

WHEREAS, Preservation 2000 offers environmental protection without further regulation, and is based on a willing-seller approach to protection of ecologically significant lands; and

WHEREAS, Florida's rate of population growth, use of natural resources and conversion of natural areas continue to threaten our natural systems; and

WHEREAS, Preservation 2000 is now in its eighth year of operation and has preserved over 900,000 acres of lands, enhancing the quality of life for Floridians and visitors by protecting natural resources and providing economic development opportunities through recreation; and

WHEREAS, Preservation 2000 offers an opportunity for partnerships between St. Johns County and the state to protect environmentally sensitive lands and support the implementation of our county growth management plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Augustine Beach, within St. Johns County, has been approved for over \$8 million dollars in Preservation 2000 funding for acquisition of the Fleeman Tract and St. Johns County is applying for \$5 million dollars in funding for the acquisition of over 207 acres in 1998; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Recreation Advisory Board has endorsed the Board of County Commissioners to take positive action in support of continuation of the Preservation 2000 Program; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County recognizes the importance of Preservation 2000 in enabling the implementation of conservation goals, growth management and comprehensive land use plans,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida supports the continued funding of the Preservation 2000 program and requests support for the Preservation 2000 program from the Florida House of Representatives Environmental Committee, the Florida Senate Natural Resources Committee, the Florida Senate Ways and Means Committee, the delegates from the Florida House of Representatives districts 18, 19 and 20, and the Florida Senate districts 2, 6 and 8.

The Board of County Commissioners further authorizes appropriate county departments to initiate a campaign of support.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 24th DAY OF MARCH, 1998

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By Moses A. Floyd
Its Chair

DATE March 27, 1998

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By Renarda Newsome
Deputy Clerk

