

RESOLUTION NO. 99 - 52

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA IN OPPOSITION TO CERTAIN PORTIONS OF FLORIDA SENATE BILL 0940 THAT WOULD ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 479.15, FLORIDA STATUTES

**WHEREAS**, St. Johns County presently contains approximately five hundred billboards erected adjacent to State Highways that were erected before County Planning, Zoning, or Building Codes for such signs existed, and;

**WHEREAS**, these billboards are almost exclusively located in the Open Rural Zoning District, where new billboards were prohibited in St. Johns County Sign Ordinances since 1983, and;

**WHEREAS**, said existing billboards in the St. Johns County's Open Rural Zoning District became non-conforming uses pursuant to St. Johns County Ordinances No. 83-24, 90-9 and 99-15 which expressly prohibited their reconstruction if such billboards have physical structure damage of more than fifty percent, and;

**WHEREAS**, the County's desired reduction of old non-conforming billboards along Federal-Aid and State Highways has been less than one per year even under current ordinances and statutes, and;

**WHEREAS**, St. Johns County has recently embarked on a coordinated effort to improve its visual landscape through the adoption of a new Sign Ordinance No. 99-15 that replaces all preceding County sign regulations and establishes specific criteria for the placement, replacement and relocation of billboards and includes a procedure to require the removal of old billboards before permitting new locations.

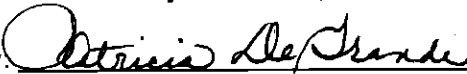
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida that it strongly opposes those portions of Florida Senate Bill 0940 that would amend Chapter 479.15, Florida Statutes, currently being discussed in the Florida Legislature, being that this portion of Senate Bill 0940 forever perpetuates billboards that stand today in violation of St. Johns County Ordinances.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 23 day of March, 1999 by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida.

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

  
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Chairman

**ATTEST:** Cheryl Strickland, Clerk of Courts

By:   
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Deputy Clerk