RESOLUTION 99-

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County ("Board") views safe, affordable and sanitary housing as a prerequisite to furthering the health, safety and welfare of all residents of St. Johns County, and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that a shortage of safe, affordable and sanitary housing for rent or for purchase exists within St. Johns County for very-low, low, and many moderate income citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that certain housing deficiencies may be addressed by Federal and State housing rental assistance programs and grants requiring the existence of a public housing agency or a public housing authority; and

WHEREAS, no public housing units established, owned and managed by the St. Johns County local government, currently exist in, or are planned for, St. Johns County.

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

- 1. All the Whereas clauses stated above are adopted as findings of fact.
- 2. A Public Housing Agency (PHA) is hereby established for the purpose of applying for Federal and State funds which may alleviate certain housing shortages and deficiencies for very-low and low income residents of St. Johns County and which may require the existence of a housing authority or agency, such as, but not limited to, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") Section 8 Rental Certificates and Vouchers Program.

- 3. The Board designates itself as the St. Johns County Public Housing Agency. Such designation shall be deemed a function of the Board in accordance with F.S. 125.01(j) and F.S. 125.01(w).
- 4. The Board hereby directs the County Administrator or designee to apply for and to administer Section 8 Rental Certificates and Vouchers when said certificates and/or vouchers are available.
- 6. Administrative funds awarded to the Public Housing Agency shall be assigned to the department of St. Johns County government designated to administer the program, or to another entity to whom the management shall be contracted out wholly or in part, for the reasonable purpose of promoting affordable housing in St. Johns County.
- 7. The Public Housing Agency established herein is expressly not created under the authority of Chapter 421, Florida Statutes, which governs Public Housing Authorities.
- 8. This resolution becomes effective on the date it is passed and adopted.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

Deputy Clerk