

RESOLUTION NO. 99 - 96

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA THAT ACKNOWLEDGES EMPLOYER SUPPORT FOR EMPLOYEES SERVING IN THE FLORIDA NATIONAL GUARD AND MILITARY RESERVE

WHEREAS, As Americans and citizens of the County of St. Johns, we have the just cause to be proud of the members of the National Guard and Reserve; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the National Guard and Reserve of the United States comprise fifty three percent of this nation's ready force, prepared for immediate call to combat on a global basis; and

WHEREAS, soldiers and airmen are currently deployed in forward areas in defense of this great nation; and

WHEREAS, these citizen soldiers and airmen have provided relief and protection to the citizens of Florida in the aftermath of hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, and fighting the fires during Operation Firestorm 98 and currently Operation Spring Fires 99; and

WHEREAS, it is known that these citizen soldiers and airmen along with their employers and families have truly sacrificed in service to state and nation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County that we support our employees who serve in the National Guard and Military Reserve and commended their service to the state and nation and pledge that:

Employment will not be denied because of service in the Guard or Reserve;

Employee job and career opportunities will not be limited or reduced because of service in the Guard or Reserve;

Employees will be granted leaves of absences for military training in the Guard or Reserve, consistent with existing laws, without sacrifice of vacation;

This agreement and its resultant policies will be made known throughout our organization.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this 8th day of June, 1999.

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

By: Marc Jacalone
Marc Jacalone, Chairman

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By: Patricia A. Strickland