RESOLUTION 203-11 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR SUPPORT OF A NORTHEAST FLORIDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the northeast Florida region is one of three of the eleven regional planning regions in the State of Florida that has not been designated as an Economic Development District by the Economic Development Administration; and

WHEREAS, designation as an Economic Development District would benefit and enhance regional and local economic development efforts throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council has drafted a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the purpose of pursuing designation of northeast Florida as an Economic Development District; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County has been actively involved in the Comprehensive Economic

Development Strategy Committee and participated in the development of the Comprehensive Economic

Development Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the overall focus of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy is job creation/retention and diversification of the local economy; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County recognizes the need to support and promote economic development through local and regional initiatives; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County recognizes that long range economic development planning is mutually beneficial to the County, other local governments, and surrounding counties in the northeast Florida region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA:

- The St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners supports the designation of the northeast Florida region as an Economic Development District by the Economic Development Agency, and
- 2. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners will commit their support, and the support of the County for the economic development activities of northeast Florida, upon its designation as a Northeast Florida Economic Development District...

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10 day of June, 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

James E. Bryant, Chairman

Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland

Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 6-12-03