

**RESOLUTION 2003- 16**

**A RESOLUTION OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING THE EXISTING FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE DESIGNATION OF THE WILLIAM BARTRAM SCENIC HIGHWAY; REAFFIRMING ITS OWN DESIGNATION OF THE CORRIDOR AS THE WILLIAM BARTRAM SCENIC AND HISTORIC HIGHWAY; AND SUPPORTING THE ADDITION OF COUNTY ROAD 13 IN BOTH THE EXISTING ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION AND THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION APPLICATION - CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR STATE ROAD 13 UNDER THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S SCENIC HIGHWAY PROGRAM.**

**WHEREAS**, William Bartram was the first native born American naturalist to achieve international acclaim; and

**WHEREAS**, a significant portion of William Bartram's travels took him along the St. Johns River where he made many excursions into the wilderness along the banks recording the area's trees, flora, fauna, and native inhabitants; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1980 Legislature passed an Act, Chapter 80-427, House Bill 987, designating that portion of State Road 13, from the Julington Creek Bridge to State Road 207, alongside the St. Johns River, as the William Bartram Scenic Highway, and directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; and

**WHEREAS**, it is believed that the Francisco Phillipe Fatio's Plantation was established around 1771 in the area of Switzerland Point which causes this area to be rich in archaeological and historical heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, the historical oaks of Switzerland, where citizen's voiced their concern to Governor Martinez to save the trees was significant of people coming together as a community; and

**WHEREAS**, the remaining designated highway is a representation of historic Florida and promotes a heightened awareness of our State's exceptional resources and provides windows into Florida's heritage of beauty; and

**WHEREAS**, protection of the designated highway is urgently needed for present and future generations to enjoy and experience; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes the 1980 Legislation to protect the William Bartram Scenic Highway and has adopted Land Development Code requirements to protect the Scenic Highway; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners endeavors to further assure recognition of the William Bartram Scenic and Historic Highway's outstanding scenic, historical and archaeological significance through designation of both the state- and county-maintained portions by the Florida Department of Transportation as the "William Bartram Scenic and Historic Highway;" and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that such designation will lead to the development of a comprehensive Corridor Management Plan to identify other appropriate opportunities and methods of protection, such as increased protection and enhancement of trees and plants and other scenic and historic resources located along the Corridor and at the Corridor's entryways, in which to create a positive and favorable impression upon pedestrians and motorists.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners reaffirms its own designation of State Road 13 and County Road 13 from the Julington Creek Bridge to State Road 207 as the "William Bartram Scenic and Historic Highway;" and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners hereby directs the County Administrator to continue enforcing existing Land Development Codes and to expedite as quickly as reasonably possible the addition of County Road 13 to State Road 13's existing Eligibility Application and proposed Designation Application - Corridor Management Plan, provided that:

- 1) There are interested people from or on behalf of the County Road 13 area available to work on the proposal; and
- 2) It causes no delay in submitting the proposed Designation Application for State Road 13.

**PASSED and ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2003.**

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

BY: James E. Bryant  
James E. Bryant, Chair

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

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Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 01-24-03

EFFECTIVE DATE: 01-21-03