

RESOLUTION NO. 2003 - 204

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE TRANSFER OF FLORIDAN AQUIFER WATER UNDERLYING ST. JOHNS COUNTY TO BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT; OPPOSING THE TRANSFER OF REGULATORY AUTHORITY OVER LOCAL WATER ISSUES FROM THE WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO A STATEWIDE WATER COMMISSION IN TALLAHASSEE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS,** The Floridan Aquifer underlying St. Johns County is the primary source of potable water for the county's residents; and,

**WHEREAS,** St. Johns County was placed in a water resource caution area and has since committed to utilize lower quality upper Floridan water to supply its current and future residents; and,

**WHEREAS,** St. Johns County wants to ensure that its residents have sufficient capacity to serve the needs of the county's steadily increasing population, while recognizing the regulatory authority of the St. Johns River Water Management District to allocate water resources within the District's territory.

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

- Section 1.** The above recitals are incorporated by reference and made a part hereof.
- Section 2.** St. Johns County opposes the transport of Floridan Aquifer water which underlies St. Johns County to locations outside the jurisdictional authority of the St. Johns River Water Management District.
- Section 3.** St. Johns County opposes the transfer of the St. Johns River Water Management District's regional regulatory authority over local water supply issues to a proposed statewide commission .

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County,  
State of Florida, this 28th day of October, 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: James E. Bryant  
James E. Bryant, Chairman

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: Patricia De Grande  
Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 11-3-03

