A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA ACKNOWLEDGING THE RETIREMENT AND COMMENDING SHERIFF NEIL J. PERRY OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, Sheriff Neil J. Perry is a thirty-five (35) year veteran of St. Johns County law enforcement starting his career as a Reserve Deputy; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Neil J. Perry has served his country for thirty-nine (39) years in the Florida Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, in 1991 Sheriff Neil J. Perry diligently and conscientiously led the Sheriff's Office through a series of improvements to the crowning achievement of attaining nationally accredited status; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Neil J. Perry implemented regular professional training through the shared academy concept by pooling resources among Clay, Putnam and St. Johns counties. He brought college classes to the squad room through agreements with Nova-Southeastern University, Vincennes University, Troy State University and Saint Leo College; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Neil J. Perry implemented the E-911 System to facilitate a faster response time and to provide more effective coverage to the community. He established the Watch Commander concept which enabled a command officer to be on duty at all times, as well as, established the current sector plan to ensure that deputies were assigned and available across the county, and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Neil J. Perry established other milestones such as a Victim Witness Coordinator Program, implemented the Police Athletic League (PAL), negotiated with the School District for shared funding for School Resource Officers and served all public schools with the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE); and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office is recognized across the state as one of the most progressive law enforcement agencies in Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County that Sheriff Neil J. Perry be commended for his years of service to St. Johns County.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida this 29th day of December, 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Bruce A. Maguire/Chairmar

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

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