

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING AND SUPPORTING THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S REQUEST TO THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA PERTAINING TO AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S HISTORIC RESOURCES.

WHEREAS, St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest city, is a national historic treasure that belongs to our region, our state and our nation; and

WHEREAS, St. Augustine's historic sites and buildings include the largest single resource in our nation representing the contributions of Spain and the Spanish-speaking people to the settlement and development of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the City of St. Augustine there are four National Historic Register Districts, 31 National Historic Register sites and buildings, 41 colonial-era buildings and monuments, and 1,100 buildings listed as contributing to the significance of these historic district; and

WHEREAS, thirty-three of these historic properties in St. Augustine are owned by the people of Florida, but are without direct legislative support; and

WHEREAS, the success of a dynamic maintenance, archeological and interpretative program has been proven through annual legislative funding of more than one million dollars to Pensacola's heritage program, supporting 20 state-owned historic properties; and

WHEREAS, the historic resources of St. Augustine attract an estimated five million visitors annually, benefiting our region and the entire State of Florida;

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

1. The Board of County Commissioners endorses and supports the City of St. Augustine's request to the Legislature of the State of Florida, to provide an annual appropriation sufficient to preserve, protect and promote these historic resources, as our state's investment in the rich history, and interpretation of that history, in our Nation's Oldest city.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida this 24th day of January, 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By: Patricia A. Grande
Deputy Clerk

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Rendition Date: 1-31-06

