

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-475

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA IN SUPPORT OF A BALLOT INITIATIVE FOR HOME RULE CHARTER GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, St. Johns County is presently governed under “General Law” form of government, and;

WHEREAS, St. Johns County has experienced unprecedented growth in recent years, and;

WHEREAS, Charter Government can be more flexible in meeting the challenges of a greater population and rapid growth, and;

WHEREAS, many citizens have expressed an interest in improving effectiveness of St. Johns County government through self-government in St. Johns County, and;

WHEREAS, a Home Rule Charter form of government provides for local self-government, and;

WHEREAS, many citizens have expressed an interest in Home Rule Charter Government for St. Johns County, and;

WHEREAS, a group of citizens from throughout the county have worked diligently in researching Charter governments throughout the State, and

WHEREAS, these citizens have prepared model Charter government as a result of their research and expert advice from around the State, and;


WHEREAS, citizens’ Home Rule Charter provides the flexibility and the local self-governance sought; and

WHEREAS, approximately 80% of the population of the State of Florida now live under Charter government, and no county opting for Charter government has ever elected to go back to a General Law form of government.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners hereby recommends to the St. Johns County Legislative Delegation to adopt by “Special Act”, the citizens’ Home Rule Charter Government for St. Johns County, subject to voter approval as a ballot initiative in a special election in 2007 or 2008, thereby allowing the citizens themselves to choose for themselves the form of government most likely to secure their happiness.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 12th day of December, 2006.

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By: 
Deputy Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Ben Rich, Chairman

Rendition Date: 13 Dec 06