

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-63

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND (TIITF) FOR THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE TRANSACTION WITH THE OWNERS OF THE BABCOCK RANCH

WHEREAS, St. Johns County firmly supports safeguarding the diminishing wetlands, preserving the natural beauty, and the acquisition of lands dedicated for preservation and conservation; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has agreed to purchase a portion of the Babcock Ranch in southwest Florida as part of the State's land acquisition program for preservation and protection of exceptional areas in the State; and

WHEREAS, Board of County Commissioners recognizes and applauds the Office of the Governor and the TIITF for having been instrumental in the successful negotiations of the Babcock Ranch; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners would like to encourage the Florida Legislature to fund as much as possible of that acquisition through General Revenue; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:

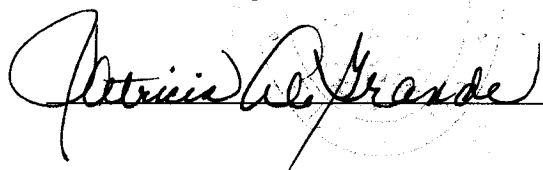
Section 1. The above recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution, and such Recitals are adopted as Findings of Fact.

Section 2. The Board appreciates the efforts of the Governor and TIITF in the acquisition of this great property and respectfully requests that as much of this acquisition cost as possible be funded through the General Revenue.

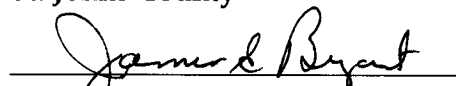
Section 3. The Board directs the County Administrator to furnish copies of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Florida, St. Johns County State Legislative Delegation, the President of the Florida Senate, and the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 7 day of March, 2006.

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk



Board of County Commissioners
St. Johns County


James E. Bryant, Chairman

RENDITION DATE 3-9-06