

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, FUNDING AND AWARDED AID TO THE PGA TOUR, A PRIVATE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE 2006 TOURNAMENT PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE STADIUM COURSE AT SAWGRASS IN PONTE VEDRA BEACH AND THE RESULTING BENEFITS TO COUNTY TOURISM, THE LOCAL ECONOMY, AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY OF THE EVENT.

WHEREAS, the PGA TOUR's Tournament Players Championship (hereafter referred as "the TPC") is annually held at the PGA TOUR's Stadium Course at Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach and represents one of the most significant sporting events with national media exposure held in St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, annually the TPC significantly enhances area tourism as well as name recognition for the County; and

WHEREAS, annually the TPC generates substantial local economic impact for the County; and

WHEREAS, annually the PGA TOUR through the TPC donates significant monetary assistance to local charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, the PGA TOUR desires to further enhance the growing status of the TPC together with St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, it is in the County's best interest to show good faith to help retain and annually foster the enhancement of the TPC with the PGA TOUR; and

WHEREAS, the County also has an interest in enhancing the public safety aspect of the TPC for its citizens and visitors alike that could be supported by appropriation from the County's General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the County administers "Category II" funds in its Tourist Development Tax Fund that provides matching grants to eligible not-for-profit organizations for producing special events that enhance area tourism and the PGA TOUR represents such an eligible not-for-profit organization for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, the issue of appropriation of funds from the County to the PGA TOUR was still under general discussion and investigation and could not be timely included in the regular budget process of the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners as well as the regular decision process of the St. Johns County Tourist Development Council for the County's Fiscal Year 2006; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby found that use of St. Johns County Tourist Development Tax revenue as prescribed in this resolution promotes tourism in St. Johns County by supporting a public event which has as one of its main purposes the attraction of tourists to St. Johns County (in accordance with Section 125.0104(5), Florida Statutes). This is evidenced by the promotion of said event to tourists and the public by television and other media.

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

- 1) The above Recitals are hereby incorporated into the body of this Resolution, and are adopted as Findings of Fact.
- 2) The Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County hereby authorizes a General Fund appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 as a grant-in-aid to the PGA TOUR, a private not-for-profit organization, to be appropriated from its FY 2006 General Fund Reserve for the purpose of enhancing public safety by helping to fund Shuttle and other Transportation and/or Parking Services for the 2006 Tournament Players Championship at Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

- 3) The Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County hereby authorizes a Tourist Development Tax Fund appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 as a grant-in-aid to the PGA TOUR, a private not-for-profit organization, with \$90,000 to be appropriated from its FY 2006 Category II Reserve for the purpose of enhancing area tourism as well as promoting County name recognition and \$10,000 to be similarly appropriated from the TDC Administration Reserve.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY FLORIDA, THIS 21st DAY OF March, 2006.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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

Rendition Date: 3-22-06

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By: Patricia A. Grande
Deputy Clerk

Effective Date: 3-21-06

