RESOLUTION NO. 2007 - <u>25</u>

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA RECOGNIZING THE CRITICAL NEED FOR THE EXPEDIENT CONSTRUCTION OF THE STATE ROAD 9-B EXTENSION INTO ST. JOHNS COUNTY, AND REQUESTING THAT THE STATE ROAD 9-B CONSTRUCTION FUNDING BE RETAINED IN THE 2012 FDOT 5-YEAR WORK PROGRAM

WHEREAS, S.R. 9-B has been the top transportation priority for St. Johns County for many years and was the only transportation project presented at the most recent legislative delegation meeting in St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, the construction of S.R. 9-B extension will significantly add to traffic safety and significantly reduce traffic delays and work force inefficiencies in northern St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners has itself recognized the state wide need for budget reductions, and has implemented a 3.5% budget reduction in St. Johns County for the forth-coming fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners finds that the most critical aspect of tax reform and budget reduction is to sharply prioritize public health, safety, and welfare projects while ensuring that critical elements are preserved throughout the tax reform and budget reduction process;

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

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

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves and recognizes the critical need for the expedient construction of the State Road 9-B extension into St. Johns County and requests that the State Road 9-B construction funding be retained in the 2012 FDOT 5-year work program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this day of September, 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:

Ben Rich, Chair

Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 9/12/07