RESOLUTION NO. 2007-343

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE EXCEPTIONAL VALUE OF THE COUNTY'S MARITIME HERITAGE, AND PROCLAIMING INTENT TO JOIN AS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTNER IN A REMARKABLE COASTAL PLACES GRANT PROPOSAL WITH THE ST. AUGUSTINE LIGHTHOUSE AND MUSEUM, INC, AND THE GUANA TOLOMATO MATANZAS NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT, AND TAKE ANY ACTIONS NECESSARY IN THE SUBMITTAL OF THE GRANT PROPOSAL

RECITALS

Whereas the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners recognizes the maritime heritage of our region as a fundamental part of our history, regional identity and future assets; and

Whereas the Coastal Partnership Initiative seeks to inspire community action and promote the protection and management of Florida's coastal resources; and

Whereas, the Remarkable Coastal Places grant category is intended to identify locally unique places with exceptional cultural, historical, and ecological value; and

Whereas, the St. Augustine Lighthouse and Museum, Inc., and the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve are taking community leadership roles in identifying and sharing the cultural and historical resources associated with St. Johns County's maritime heritage, and in seeking community partners to further embrace this heritage; and

Whereas, it is specifically understood, and stipulated that submission of a Grant Proposal does not, and will not, commit any monetary funds from the County; and

Whereas, the County has determined that a joint submission of a Grant Proposal is in the collective interests of the County, the St. Augustine Lighthouse and Museum, Inc, and the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve.

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

- 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 approves the County joining as a Local Government Partner with the St. Augustine Lighthouse and Museum, Inc, and the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve, in the submittal of a Remarkable Coastal Places Grant application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.
- 3. The Board of County Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator, or designee, to execute, on behalf of the County, all documents related to the submission of the Grant, and take all actions necessary with respect to submission of the Grant.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida this _____/3712 day of November, 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:

Ben Rich, Chairman

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 11 15/07