RESOLUTION 2008- 2

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION H.R. 3646 DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND THE SECRETARY OF LABOR TO CONDUCT A JOINT STUDY ON THE FIELDS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR WHICH THE GREATEST NEED FOR EMPLOYEES EXISTS IN VARIOUS GEOGRAPHIC AREAS. ALSO KNOWN AS THE VETS JOB ACT OF 2007.

WHEREAS, As citizens of the United States of America and of St. Johns County, Florida, we have just cause to be proud of the veterans within our Country and this county who have selflessly served us in the protection of our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, the people of St. Johns County recognize the social and economic benefit of assisting their veterans in providing every opportunity for them to gain and improve their employment within this region; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, through the powers granted it through Chapter 292 of the Florida Statutes, has full and complete power and authority to aid and assist wherever practical and feasible the veterans, male and female, who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners may, in order to accomplish these purposes, work jointly with any agency of the Federal Government, to carry out such purposes; and

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States, through its House of Representatives, has filed H.R. 3646, The VETS Job Act of 2007, requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Labor to conduct a joint study on the fields of employment for which the greatest need for employees exists in various geographic areas and to make the results of such study available through the internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs and to annually update such study; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners perceives the value of such information being available to the veterans, male and female, in St. Johns County who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States.

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

- 1. The above Recitals are hereby incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution and such Recitals are adopted as findings of fact.
- 2. St. Johns County declares its firm commitment to supporting H.R. 3646, The VETS Job Act of 2007, and strongly supports this action in assisting Veterans with information on employment opportunities within the geographic area that includes St. Johns County.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:

Thomas G. Manuel, Chairman

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 01/11/08