RESOLUTION NO. 2008-257

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, FINDING A PUBLIC PURPOSE IN
THE EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES OF
EDUCATING THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY ELECTORATE REGARDING
ADOPTING A HOME RULE CHARTER

WHEREAS, St. Johns County, Florida, is presently a non-charter county government as
established under Article VIII, Section 1(f) of the Florida Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Sections 1(c) and 1(g) of the Florida Constitution, providing
that a county government may be established by charter, which shall be adopted upon a majority
vote of the electors of the county; and

WHEREAS, Sections 125.60-64 and Sections 125.80, et. seq. of the Florida Statutes,
provides a method whereby a non-charter county may locally initiate a county home rule charter
by ordinance and referendum; and

WHEREAS, relying on a Florida Supreme Court decision, the Florida Attorney General
has provided the opinion (AGO 98-33) that a County may expend County funds to support or
oppose an issue before the electorate, provided that the County Commissioner makes the
requisite legislative findings as to the purpose of the expenditure and the benefits accruing to the
County from such expenditure; and,

WHEREAS, the County and its citizens are benefitted and served by an opportunity for
education regarding a home rule charter government as proposed by Ordinance 2008-43.

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

1. The Whereas clauses set out above are hereby adopted by this Board as findings
   of fact.

2. The County Administrator is authorized to expend up to Thirty-Five Thousand
   Dollars ($35,000.00) in aggregate with St. John County Resolution 2008-256 for
   the purposes of educating the St. Johns County electorate regarding a home rule
   charter as proposed by Ordinance 2008-43.

3. The County Administrator shall ensure that any expenditures authorized by this
   resolution are specifically utilized to meet the public purpose of educating the
   public as described herein.
This Resolution shall take immediate upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida this 16th day of September, 2008.

By: Thomas G. Manuel, Chairman
Rendition Date: 9/19/08

By: Deputy Clerk

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ATTEST:
Cheryl Strickland, Clerk