

RESOLUTION 2008- 83

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, RENAMING THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER TO THE RICHARD O. WATSON JUDICIAL CENTER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest of St. Johns County and its citizens to recognize and support an independent judiciary as part of the State and Federal Constitutional system of checks and balances; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest of St. Johns County and its citizens to recognize a monument of the strong judiciary in St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, Judge Richard O. Watson and his career exemplify the professionalism, dedication to duty, and standard of achievement of what a judge should be, and how a judicial center should be operated, to present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the naming of the Richard O. Watson Judicial Center has the full support of each of the St. Johns County Constitutional Officers; and

WHEREAS, Judge Watson has provided long and esteemed service in the County as a Judge and Officer of the Court, including being elected as Chief Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, serving as the Chief Administrative Judge of St. Johns County, service as a Senior Judge, and serving in gubernatorial appointed capacities for the benefit of the County and the State; and

WHEREAS, Judge Watson has honorably served his Country in the armed forces, in both the enlisted and officer ranks, and has for generations been recognized as a pillar of the St. Johns County civic community;

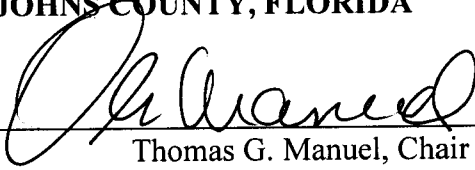
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, and effective immediately:

1. The St. Johns County Judicial Center is hereby renamed as the "Richard O. Watson Judicial Center" effective immediately; and
2. This exceptional action is recognized as a unique distinction, and shall prevail over any previous St. Johns County Rule or Resolution pertaining to naming facilities.

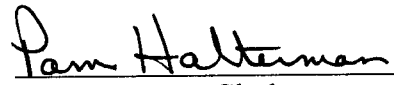
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of April, 2008, by the Board of County Commissioners, St. Johns County, Florida.



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

By 
Thomas G. Manuel, Chair

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By: 
Deputy Clerk

Rendition Date: 4/4/08