

RESOLUTION 2010- 108

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY SUPPORTING THE PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION OF THE AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the American Heritage Rivers Initiative (AHRI) was created by Executive Order 13067 in 1997 to offer special recognition to outstanding stretches of America's river systems by selecting them as "American Heritage Rivers"; and

WHEREAS, the American Heritage Rivers Initiative has successfully preserved river heritage, revitalized waterfront economy and protected the natural environment of rivers in 24 states; and

WHEREAS, the initiative has been successful in developing cooperation between local community programs, government and private industry and provides leadership to coordinate efforts for addressing local interests; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns River is one of the federally designated American Heritage Rivers; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns River defines the history, the culture, the economy, the character and ultimately, the future of nearly three million people in a corridor that runs from Jacksonville to Orlando; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns River enjoys bi-partisan support at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, transforming the American Heritage Rivers Initiative into a non-regulatory program allows the St. Johns River and the 13 other American Heritage Rivers to be eligible for federal funding.

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

Section 1. The above recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution and such Recitals are adopted as findings of fact.

Section 2. That the Board supports the conversion of the American Heritage River Initiative into a program and requests that the U.S. House of Representatives Natural Resource Committee consider program authorization in this session of Congress.

Section 3. To the extent that there are typographical and/or administrative errors and/or omissions that do not change the tone, tenor, or context of this Resolution, then

this Resolution may be revised without subsequent approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 18th day of May, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 

Ron Sanchez, Chair

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By: 

Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 5/20/10