

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-74

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SAINT JOHNS COUNTY, SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA FOOD FREEDOM ACT INTRODUCED BY SENATOR CAREY BAKER IN THE 2010 SESSION OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, REMOVING OVERLY BURDENSOME REGULATIONS FROM FLORIDA'S SMALL FARMS TO FACILITATE SALES OF WHOLSOME LOCAL GROWN FOOD PRODUCTS DIRECTLY TO LOCAL CONSUMERS, AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SIGN ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Preserving and strengthening farms in St. Johns County benefits the entire County; and

WHEREAS, Locally grown food products are fresh and wholesome alternatives to packaged and processed foods; and

WHEREAS, Dollars spent with local farmers remain in the community significantly longer than those spent with national and international corporations; and

WHEREAS, Locally grown products sold in our community travel a far shorter distance, thereby reducing carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, Small farm practices are more sustainable than mega-operations; and

WHEREAS, The sustainability of Florida local food systems depends on the relationship between the producer and the consumer. Key aspects of such successful relationships include the producer's integrity and the consumer's interest in and knowledge of how the food is raised, harvested, and processed; and

WHEREAS, Local farms greatly contribute to the overall quality of life in Saint Johns County; and

WHEREAS, The Florida Food Freedom Act won't cost a single tax dollar to implement; and

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. The Board of County Commissioners supports the passage of the Florida Food Freedom Act, and strongly urges the Florida Legislature to pass into law this highly beneficial measure.

Section 3. To facilitate the intent and purpose of this Resolution the Board of County Commissioners authorizes the Chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners to sign any required supportive documents as determined by the County Attorney.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of March 2010.

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

By: *Ron Sanchez*
Ron Sanchez, Chairperson

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By: *Pam Halterman*
Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 3/18/10

