

RESOLUTION 2010 - 91

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEER EFFORTS OF THE WILLIAM BARTRAM SCENIC AND HISTORIC CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT COUNCIL IN THEIR EFFORTS TO PRESERVE, PROTECT, AND MAINTAIN THE SCENIC HIGHWAY INTRINSIC (ARCHEOLOGICAL, HISTORICAL, CULTURAL, SCENIC, NATURAL, AND RECREATIONAL) RESOURCES.

WHEREAS, originally in 1980 the State Legislature passed an Act, Chapter 80-427, House Bill 987, designating a portion of SR. 13 (from the Julington Creek Bridge to the SR. 207) along the St. Johns River as the William Bartram Scenic Highway, and directing the Department of Transportation (FDOT) to erect suitable historic markers; and

WHEREAS, the historical centennial oaks trees of Switzerland, where citizens voiced their concern as a community to Governor Martinez, in order to, save the trees was significant enough to justify the adoption of HB 987; and

WHEREAS, William Bartram was the first native born American naturalist, botanist, artist scientific observer, writer and traveler to achieve international acclaim; and

WHEREAS, a significant portion of William Bartram's travels took him along the St. Johns River where he made many excursions into the wilderness along the banks, recording the area's trees, flora, fauna and native inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the Franciso Phillipe Fatio's plantation was established in the Switzerland area in 1771, which is rich in both archeological and historical resources; and

WHEREAS, William Bartram Scenic and Historic Highway was designated as a State FDOT Scenic Highway on October 31, 2005 from the Julington Creek Bridge to the intersection of SR. 13 and SR. 16; and

WHEREAS, William Bartram Scenic and Historic Highway's unique, intrinsic (archeological, historical, cultural, scenic, natural and recreational) resources are identified in the William Bartram Scenic and Historic Corridor Management Plan (CMP); and

WHEREAS, it is the Mission of the William Bartram Scenic and Historic Highway Corridor Management Council (CMC) to preserve, protect, and maintain the unique intrinsic resource of this Scenic Highway; and

WHEREAS, William Bartram Scenic and Historic Highway Corridor Management Council members are guardians, along with local, state and federal partners and seek, to implement William Bartram Scenic and Historic Highway – Master Plan as funding becomes available; and

WHEREAS, William Bartram Scenic and Historic Highway Corridor Management Council members have spent countless volunteer hours to build the scenic highway organization as well as preserve, protect and maintain the unique intrinsic resource of the Scenic Highway; and

WHEREAS, the William Bartram Scenic and Historic Highway Corridor Management Council are hereby recognized by St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners for their Scenic Highway volunteer efforts; 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 hereby incorporated into the body of this Resolution, and said recitals are adopted as Findings of Fact.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, supports 1980 State Legislation designation and the FDOT State Scenic Highway designation of the William Bartram Scenic and Historic Highway.

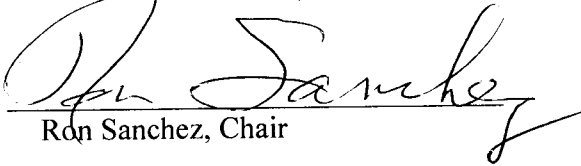
Section 3. The Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, supports the protection of the Scenic Highway's intrinsic resources located along the William Bartram Scenic and Historic Highway corridor.

Section 4. The Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, supports and recognizes the volunteer efforts of the William Bartram Scenic and Historic Highway Corridor Management Council members in their Mission to implement the master plan as well as preserve, protect, and maintain the Scenic Highway's unique intrinsic resources.

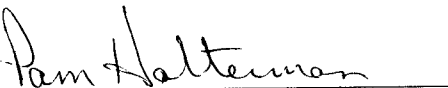
Section 5. To the extent that there are typographical and/or administrative errors or issues that do not change the tone, tenor, or concept of this Resolution, then this Resolution may be revised without subsequent approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St Johns County, State of Florida, on this 20th day April, 2010.

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

BY: 
Ron Sanchez, Chair

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland
Clerk of the Circuit Court

BY: 
Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 4/21/10

