RESOLUTION NO. 2011-153

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE PUBLIC TO RESTORE THE SUMMER HAVEN RIVER AND DIRECTING COUNTY STAFF TO CONTINUE FILLING AN APPROPRIATE ROLE IN SUPPORT OF THEIR EFFORTS.

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2008 a northeastern storm front created a breach in the primary dune system of Summer Haven, at approximately Reach 200; and,

WHEREAS, the County's staff promptly requested approval from Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to place sand in the breach to stop the dune erosion and accretion of sand in the river; and,

WHEREAS, the FDEP initiated but did not complete the agency coordination required for approval of the County's proposed temporary repair measures; and,

WHEREAS, over a period of weeks the breach became too large for any reasonable effort by St. Johns County to repair the breach; and,

WHEREAS, the continued existence of the dune breach resulted in the Summer Haven River becoming inundated with sand to the point that there is no remaining flow through the river and the breach has now largely closed itself; and,

WHEREAS, the residents, property owners and other citizens of the greater Summer Haven area have requested, and the St. Augustine Port, Waterway, and Beach District (SAPWBD) has agreed, to undertake a Phase 1 study to identify possible alternative approaches to restore the river and the primary dune; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County wishes to record its support for appropriate restoration of the Summer Haven River and the primary dune removed by the breach;

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 are adopted as Findings of Fact.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator, or designee, to pursue appropriate actions as necessary to accomplish the overall goal set forth above.

Section 3. To the extent that there are typographical or administrative errors that do not change the tenor, or concept of this Resolution, then this Resolution may be revised without subsequent approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this _______ day of June, 2011.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

BY:

Deputy Clerk

J. Ken Bryan, Chair

RENDITION DATE 6/7/11