RESOLUTION NO. 2012-347

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND ANY OTHER REQUIRED PAPERWORK, IN ORDER TO SEEK FUNDING ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR'S COOPERATIVE ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND GRANTS PROGRAMS TO ACQUIRE LAND IN ST. JOHNS COUNTY FURTHERING THE COUNTY'S APPROVED HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior allows local governments to make application through a grant program for land acquisition that complements an approved Habitat Conservation Plan and is considered as a net benefit to endangered species; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for the County submitting the application is January 14, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the County has reviewed the pending Grant application; and

WHEREAS, the County shall apply for no more than \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, after a review of the Grant application, the County has determined that nothing contained in the Grant application negatively impacts the interests of the County; and

WHEREAS, after a review of the Grant application and accompanying materials, the County has determined that none of the requirements, restrictions, and/or obligations associated with award of the Grant, or the Grant itself, negatively impact the interests of the County; and

WHEREAS, after a review of the Grant application and accompanying materials, the County has determined that an award of a Department of the Interior Grant to acquire land complementing the approved Habitat Conservation Plan serves the overall interests of the County.

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

- **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 hereby approves and authorizes the County Administrator, or designee, to submit a completed application based on the approved guidelines for grant submittal on behalf of the St. Johns County Growth Management Department's Environmental Division for a Department of the Interior grant to acquire land complementing the approved Habitat Conservation Plan.

Section 3. The Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Administrator, or designee, to execute any other paperwork necessary, and/or associated with the application for the Department of the Interior Grant.

Section 4. To the extent that there are typographical or administrative errors 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 4^{th} day of December, 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Office Chair

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: <u>1 am X</u>

RENDITION DATE 12/6/12