RESOLUTION NO. 2012- $\frac{78}{}$

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE WATER MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS AS LISTED IN CHAPTER 373, FLORIDA STATUTES

WHEREAS, water is vital to our life, health, and well-being, and adequate and properly managed water resources are essential to both our economy and environment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, water management districts were established to manage water on a regional basis, to be overseen by governing boards comprised of lay citizens within the districts and appointed by the Governor; and confirmed by the Florida Senate; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 373, Florida Statutes strongly discourages the transfer of water resources across water management district boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 373, Florida Statutes recognizes the need for conservation and control of the waters of the State; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA:

- **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.** St. Johns County supports the water management structure and functions as listed in Chapter 373, Florida Statutes.
- **Section 3.** St. Johns County supports adequate funding from the State for the water management districts, such that they may accomplish their lawful missions of managing and protecting regional and local water resources.
- **Section 4.** St. Johns County opposes the centralization of the command and control of our regional and local water resources within the executive or legislative branches of government, or by a statewide board or authority.
- **Section 5.** St. Johns County opposes any effort to move water from public ownership or control to private interest.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this day of March, 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:

Mark P. Miner, Chairman

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk