

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013 - 105**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ST JOHNS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PERTAINING TO THE NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL 2013 UPDATED STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN; PLEDGING SUPPORT FOR THE REGIONAL COOPERATION AND THE COMMON POLICY FRAMEWORK PROMOTED THROUGH THE COMPLETION OF THE UPDATED STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF ST JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

**WHEREAS**, the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) was originally formed on February 14, 1977 by and between Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns Counties through an Interlocal Agreement pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969, Section 163.01 Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Interlocal Agreement creating the NEFRC states, in part, that the purpose of the NEFRC and Florida Regional Councils in general is to provide for the "...area wide coordination and related cooperative activities of federal, state and local governments and ensure a broad-based regional organization that can provide a truly regional perspective enhancing the ability and opportunity of local governments to resolve issues and problems transcending their individual boundaries"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Regional Planning Council Act, Sections 186.501 – 186.513, Florida Statutes states in part, "There is a need for the establishment for clear policy at the regional level that guides broad-based representation among regional agencies as they undertake regional review functions" and provide for the creation of the Strategic Regional Policy Plans (SRPP); and

**WHEREAS**, the NEFRC began the process of updating its SRPP in May, 2009 with the Reality Check First Coast, County Checks and Generation Check, followed by the creation of the First Coast Vision through the Regional Community Institute in 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, through the process leading up to the adoption of the updated SRPP the NEFRC has engaged thousands of citizens in Northeast Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the NEFRC has directed that the update to the SRPP will be less directive and more supportive of the individual efforts of the Region's local governments in the meeting the board policy framework of the SRPP; and

**WHEREAS**, Northeast Florida is an increasingly interconnected and interdependent Region where activities undertaken in any jurisdiction have region-wide effects: and

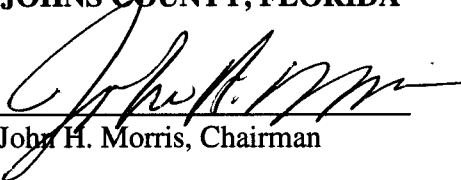
**WHEREAS**, the Local Governments in Northeast Florida recognize we are stronger collectively than we are individually.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that St Johns County declares its support to the regional cooperation and further declares its support of a common policy framework as contained in the NEFRC's draft update to its SRPP while maintaining its rights under Sections 120.54 and 120.56, Florida Statutes.

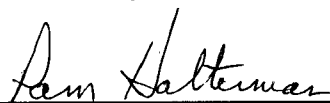
This Resolution shall take effect as allowed by Florida Law.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida this 7 day of May 2013.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONS  
OF ST JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By:   
John H. Morris, Chairman

**ATTEST:** Cheryl Strickland, Clerk of Court

By:   
Deputy Clerk

**RENDITION DATE** 5/9/13

**Effective Date:** 5/7/13

