

RESOLUTION NO. 2013- 175

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S AID AND SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS IN SUDDEN TRANSITION (ASSIST) PROGRAM FOR ITS EXEMPLARY WORK WITH STUDENTS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND ITS TIRELESS EFFORTS TO PROVIDE HOMELESS STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO SUCCEED IN PRE AND POST-GRADUATION ENVIRONMENTS.

WHEREAS, The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act was reauthorized in January 2002 as Subtitle B - Education for Homeless Children of Title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.), and

WHEREAS, through the St. Johns County School District staff, school staff, and community training and awareness efforts the St. Johns County School District's ASSIST program has increased the identification of homeless students in the St. Johns County School District from 46 students during the 2006-2007 school year, to 632 students in the 2012-2013 school year, and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County School District's ASSIST program recognizes the social and educational barriers inherent to homeless students and are addressing these issues by establishing effective community partnerships and relations through: securing federal and community grant opportunities, collaborating with faith-based and community organizations, and establishing additional resources through the 7th Judicial Circuit Court and the Department of Children and Families, and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County School District's ASSIST program has established the "Advocates for Unaccompanied Youth" Task Force to address the needs for the homeless student population, and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Augustine, the County of St. Johns, and the St. Johns County School District are committed to inspiring good character and a passion for lifelong learning in all students, creating educated and caring contributors to the world,

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

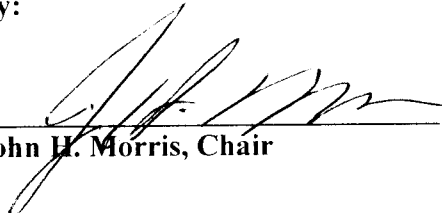
St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners recognize the valuable contributions of the St. Johns County School Districts ASSIST program in identifying and supporting homeless students in St. Johns County and encourages them to continue this very beneficial activity through grants and collaborations with community organizations.

Section 1. This Resolution shall be effective upon the date of execution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida the 20th day of August, 2013.

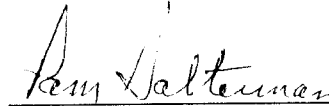
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By:



John H. Morris, Chair

Attest:



Deputy Clerk



RENDITION DATE 8/22/13