

RESOLUTION 2015- 67

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO DELAY TAKING ACTION ON RODMAN RESEVOIR
(LAKE OCKLAWAHA)**

WHEREAS, in connection with the Cross Florida Barge Canal and the corresponding alteration of the Ocklawaha River, Rodman Reservoir (Lake Ocklawaha) was created approximately fifty years ago; and

WHEREAS, the Board is informed that certain parties have executed a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding with the goal of breaching Kirkpatrick Dam and draining Rodman Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, the Rodman Dam is an economic driver of considerable magnitude for Putnam County and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the removal or modification of Rodman Dam would have substantial, and as yet undefined, consequences to Putnam County and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County supports Putnam County's efforts to have proper process and full representation pertaining to the Rodman Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County opposes any attempt during the 2015 legislative session to consider the fate of Rodman Reservoir while Putnam and St. Johns Counties have no representation in the Florida Senate; and

WHEREAS, a decision to remove or modify Rodman Dam should be withheld until the consequences to the economy of Putnam County and the surrounding area are fully vetted.

BE IT RESOLVED that the:

1. The above recitals are incorporated by reference as finding of fact.
2. St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners respectfully implores our State Legislators not to discuss, propose or pass any legislation regarding the draining of Rodman Reservoir while Putnam and St. Johns Counties have no representation in the Florida Senate.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of March, 2015.

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

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

By: *Ken Walton*
Deputy Clerk

By: *[Signature]*
Priscilla L. Bennett, Chair

RENDITION DATE 3/19/15

