RESOLUTION NO. 2019-149

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, REVISING THE BOUNDARIES OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY PRECINCTS 105 AND 406.

WHEREAS, Section 101.001, Florida Statutes mandates that the Board of County Commissioners in each county, upon recommendation and approval of the Supervisor of Elections, shall alter or create precincts for voting in the county; and

WHEREAS, because of the high growth of precincts 102/105 and 406 to over 10,000 registered voters, precinct growth has surpassed the reasonable voting capacity of such precinct facilities; and

WHEREAS, during the 2018 General Election, even though 50% of the voters voted early or by mail, each polling place had nearly 3,000 voters go to the polling place on Election Day to cast their ballots in person, causing long lines at said precinct polling places; and

WHEREAS, voter turnout in 2020 is expected to exceed 85% which would again cause long lines at said precinct polling places; and

WHEREAS, expected growth to precincts 105 and 406 this and next year will continue to increase the number of voters in precincts 105 and 406; and

WHEREAS, the population growth in precincts 105 and 406 now requires the Supervisor of Elections to take action to efficiently meet the needs of voters; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor of Elections is requesting the Board of County Commissioners to approve the splitting of precincts 105 and 406 for the reasons stated herein.

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

- (1) The above recitals are incorporated into the body of this resolution and adopted as legislative findings of fact.
- (2) Pursuant to Section 101.001, Florida Statutes, precincts 105 and 406 will each be split into 2 precincts to allow for anticipated future growth and the smooth operations on Election Day for the voters and workers at the polls, and voter precinct boundaries described in the exhibits attached hereto are hereby adopted; and
- (3) The Supervisor of Elections of St. Johns County, Florida shall take all appropriate action to accomplish the requirements of Section 101.001, Florida Statutes; and

- (4) The Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of St. Johns County, Florida shall maintain a copy of the materials made available by the Supervisor of Elections pursuant to Section 101.001(3)(a) and (b), Florida Statutes, at the St. Johns County Courthouse and at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners.
- (5) To the extent that there are typographical or administrative errors that do not change the tone, tenor, or context of this resolution, this resolution may be amended without the subsequent approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 7^{4} day of May, 2019.

ATTEST:

Hunter S. Conrad, Clerk

BOARD OF COUNY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

Paul M. Waldron, Chairman

Rendition Date: <u>5/9/19</u>





