RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 19

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, REGARDING GRANT APPLICATIONS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, TO VARIOUS STATE, FEDERAL AND NON-PROFIT AGENCIES; WAIVING SECTION 203.3 (GRANT APPLICATION POLICY), SECTION 200 (BUDGET), ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2024, The County's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (OIA) presented a Funding and Advocacy Roadmap for 2025-2028 to the Board of County Commissioners to serve as a multi-year legislative action plan; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2024, the Board adopted the 2025 – 2028 St. Johns County Funding and Advocacy Roadmap which includes direction to pursue funding opportunities through competitive grant applications for board directed initiatives; and

WHEREAS, over the next four years, OIA will seek to maximize opportunities through State, Federal and private grants and directed appropriations in accordance with the Board's priorities; and

WHEREAS, once the grantor agency publishes a notice of funding availability, the time to review the grant requirements, restrictions, and obligations, and prepare the grant proposal for submission is often under a short deadline, and does not avail itself to the County's legislative cycle; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the existing grant application policy, all grant applications are required to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for approval prior to submission; and

WHEREAS, providing the County Administrator the authority to execute and submit grant applications, for those grants and grant programs identified by OIA for the calendar year 2025 grant cycle, would provide for a more timely and efficient process; and

WHEREAS, when the County is awarded grant funds, OIA will prepare an agenda item for the Board to accept and approve the grant agreement and recognize and appropriate the awarded grant funds; and

WHEREAS, applying for grants in a timely and efficient manner is in the best interest of the County and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida that:

Section 1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated into the body of this Resolution and are adopted as findings of fact.

Section 2. Section 203.3 (Grant Application Policy) is waived allowing for the submission of grant applications in implementation of the 2025 - 2028 Funding Advocacy Roadmap, without being presented to the Board of County Commissioners for approval prior to submission.

Section 3. The County Administrator, or designee, is authorized, on behalf the of the County, to execute and submit grant applications, and make available to review by the Office of County Attorney of the requirements, restrictions, and obligations of the grant, for the calendar year 2025 grant cycle.

Section 4. To the extent that there are typographical or administrative errors that do not change the tone, tenor, or concept of this resolution, this resolution may be revised without subsequent approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this Abraham day of January, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

Rendition Date JAN 21 2025

Krista Joseph, Chair

ATTEST: Brandon J. Patty, Clerk of the

Circuit Court and Comptroller

Deputy Clerk