

WHEREAS, the City of St. Augustine, the County Seat of St. Johns County was founded for Spain in 1565 by Don Pedro Menendez, 73 years after the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County and the City of St. Augustine reflect the Spanish colonization which was begun by Columbus 500 years ago, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of St. Johns County have expressed their overwhelming desire to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Discovery of America by establishing the St. Augustine and St. Johns County Columbus Commission to coordinate activities within the community and they are presenting the concept to governmental agencies for support and recognition; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that all activities in the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Discovery of America be coordinated through one organization.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that it is the intent of St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners that the 500th Anniversary of the Discovery of America by Christopher Columbus be recognized as a significant event in St. Johns County.

Section 1. It is the intent of the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners that plans for a Columbus Celebration should be pursued by our citizens with support and encouragement from St. Johns County.

Section 2. The St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners calls upon all citizens and groups within the County to coordinate their efforts in the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Discovery of America and requests that citizen groups coordinate their efforts through the St. Augustine and St. Johns County Columbus Commission and the Board of County Commissioners further declares its intent that it will not recognize any other coordinating group.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of October, 1989 by the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA


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