

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-21**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT  
OF A COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT  
PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL (CHIP)**

WHEREAS, healthy lifestyles and a healthy environment contribute significantly to the vitality and prosperity of the residents of St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, health care costs to the public, business and government can be reduced by preventing disease and illness and by through the promotion of good health habits; and

WHEREAS, there is insufficient public information and education on optimal healthy lifestyle practices; and

WHEREAS, the efficiency, effectiveness and quality of health care services can be improved if health care providers work together to improve community health, and

WHEREAS, health providers, business, schools, government, insurers and others in the community need a forum to work together to improve community health and to identify those public health functions and services that are needed to address current and future community needs.

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

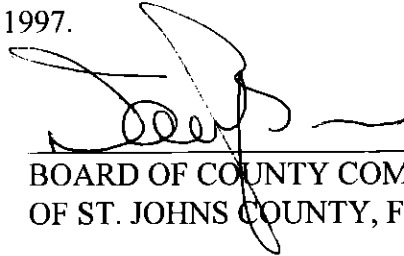
Section 1. The St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners supports the establishment of a Community Health Improvement Partnership Council (CHIP) for St. Johns County which shall have the mission of preparing a community health improvement plan that shall include strategies for improving the public's health.

Section 2. The Council shall issue an interim community health improvement plan eighteen months after its first meeting, issue a comprehensive health improvement plan one year later, and make revisions and enhancements to the comprehensive health improvement plan as it deems appropriate, but at least annually thereafter.

Section 3. The Council shall be initially convened and chaired by the Director of the St. Johns County Health Department. A chairperson shall be elected thereafter by the membership. The Council shall establish by-laws which to operate.

Section 4. It is recommended that membership be represented of professionals and/or citizens representing various public health-related agencies, other clinical health care providers and community stakeholders.

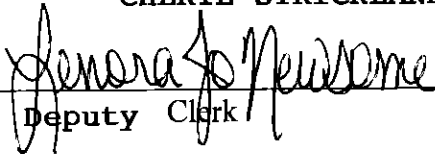
Passed and Adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida this 11th day of February, 1997.



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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST: CLERK OF COURTS  
CHERYL STRICKLAND

By:   
Deputy Clerk

