

**RESOLUTION 97-82**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF A BUDGET APPROPRIATION TO FUND ACQUISITION OF FIVE (5) ACRES OF LAND FOR EXPANSION OF THE WHITNEY LABORATORY AT MARINELAND, FLORIDA.**

**WHEREAS,** the Whitney Laboratory at Marineland is a valuable resource to the Citizens of St. Johns County; and

**WHEREAS,** expansion of the physical plant of the Whitney Laboratory would promote opportunities in education and public outreach programs beyond present levels; and

**WHEREAS,** the Whitney Laboratory is being considered as a potential headquarters site for the National Estuarine Research Reserve; and

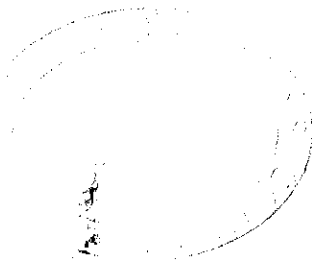
**WHEREAS,** the Whitney Laboratory is situated near the "Outstanding Florida Waters" of the Pellicer Creek Aquatic Preserve; and

**WHEREAS,** the Whitney Laboratory is located partially in both St. Johns and Flagler Counties; and

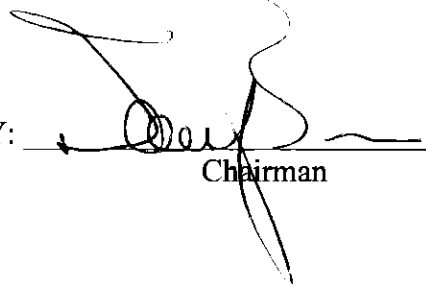
**WHEREAS,** expansion of the Whitney Laboratory is essential to keep pace with emerging education and biotechnological opportunities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County supports line item appropriation 206 D in Senate Bill 2400, which authorizes \$500,000 for property acquisition at Whitney Laboratory, and strongly encourages the Governor of the State of Florida, the Honorable Lawton Chiles, to sign, or let become law, SB2400.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this 27th day of May, 1997.



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

BY:   
Chairman

**ATTEST:** Cheryl Strickland

BY:   
Deputy Clerk