

RESOLUTION NO. 98-144

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY AS A COMMUNITY OF PROMISE.

WHEREAS, the health, safety, growth, and development of St. Johns County children are vital to the entire community and to each individual child and family; and

WHEREAS, over the past three years the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners and staff have participated in community activities and assessments to identify and better understand the needs of all our children; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 1997, the Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution 97-139 establishing Children's Task Groups to develop a plan for better meeting our children's needs; and

WHEREAS, over two hundred St. Johns County residents participated with those Task Groups for over nine months in developing the St. Johns County Children's Plan; and

WHEREAS, that Children's Plan calls for St. Johns County becoming a Community of Promise as defined by America's Promise: The Alliance for Youth; and

WHEREAS, a Community of Promise is defined as a community which pledges to help provide five fundamental resources for its children in greatest need; and

WHEREAS, those five fundamental resources - a personal, one-to-one relationship with a caring adult; a safe place to learn and grow; a healthy start and healthy environment; a marketable skill; and a chance to give back to peers and community - have proven effective in helping children to succeed in school and prepare for life; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Children's Plan calls for the Board of County Commissioners to provide leadership in establishing a volunteer, advisory Children's Commission to oversee the Children's Plan and to report periodically to the Board of County Commissioners.

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 St. Johns County as a Community of Promise affiliated with America's Promise: The Alliance for Youth.

Section 2. The St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners supports the formation of a volunteer advisory Children's Commission to oversee the St. Johns County Children's Plan and to report to the Board of County Commissioners periodically on the status of the Children's Plan.

Section 3. The Board of County Commissioners agrees to appoint at least one community representative to this Children's Commission.

Section 4. The Board of County Commissioners agrees to invite the St. Johns County School Board, the St. Augustine/St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the St. Johns County United Way Board of Directors, the Interagency Council Board of Directors, the Juvenile Justice Council, the St. Augustine City Council, and the Communities in Schools Board of Directors to each recommend to the Board of County Commissioners a community representative to serve on the Children's Commission.

Section 5. The Board of County Commissioners agrees to work with the St. Johns County Point of Contact for America's Promise: The Alliance for Youth to seek appointments to the Children's Commission and pull the appointees together to serve as an officially appointed Committee of the Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 28th day of July, 1998 by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

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