

RESOLUTION No. 98-192

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, in July 1992, the Josephson Institute of Ethics brought together an eminent group of educators, youth leaders, and ethics scholars to see if a common ground and common language could be found concerning the need for and content of character education; and

WHEREAS, the statement that emerged from that meeting, the Aspen declaration, lists six core ethical values, Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship, that form the foundation of our society; and

WHEREAS, the Character Counts Coalition has been formed and has already taken root in communities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Public Schools have embraced the program for all their students; and

WHEREAS, character is best taught through modeling by adults throughout the entire community;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County that it recognize that the next generation will be the stewards of our communities and our nation, and that the present and future well-being of our society requires a caring and involved citizenry with good moral character; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that conscientious efforts must be made to help young people develop the value and abilities necessary for moral decision-making and conduct; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that effective character education be based on core ethical values, in particular, trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County recognizes the week of October 18 - 24, 1998 as CHARACTER COUNTS! WEEK, and encourages special events to recognize this week throughout the community.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

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