

RESOLUTION 98-198

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE, ARCHEOLOGICAL, HISTORIC AND RECREATIONAL LANDS ONE HALF PERCENT (0.5%) SALES SURTAX REFERENDUM AND THAT ALL SUCH BOARDS AND PLANS OF SPENDING EVALUATION BE PUT IN PLACE BEFORE ANY MONIES ARE SPENT.

WHEREAS, we wish to encourage the conservation and acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands, archeological and historic sites and recreational lands in order to:

- A. Preserve environmentally sensitive properties, nationally and regionally significant habitat and protect the health and diversity of wildlife, especially rare, threatened, endangered, or endemic species of plants and animals and species of special concern.
- B. Conserve and stabilize cultural, historic, archeological, and/or scenically significant sites.
- C. Direct development away from historical, archeological, environmentally sensitive or high hazard areas due to flooding or fire.
- D. Preserve green space in close proximity to development providing refuge for residents visitors and wildlife.
- E. Establish natural and recreational corridors throughout the County promoting wildlife migration, alternative transportation, and fitness or exercise.
- F. Provide protection for water sources, water quality and natural drainage patterns.
- G. Provide lands for sale and accessible public outdoor recreation consistent with the protection of natural resources.
- H. Establish a long tern economic plan that provides sufficient funding for resource protection, public access, and environmental education.
- I. Manage eco-tourism and provide environmental education contributing to public knowledge and awareness of the natural, historical and archaeological resources of St. Johns County.
- J. Establish a management action plan, to be prepared and approved within two years of the acquisition of the essential management parcel. These plans shall reflect the conservation and public use goal.

SUPPORTS THE FOLLOWING REFERENDUM:

**Environmentally Sensitive, Archeological,
Historic and Recreational Lands
One Half Percent (0.5%) Sales Surtax
Referendum**

Shall a one half percent (0.5%) sales surtax be levied in St. Johns County for five years commencing January 1, 1999, solely to acquire and conserve environmentally sensitive lands, archeological sites, historic sites, and/or lands suitable for outdoor recreational purposes, together with improvements that may already be thereon.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:  _____
Chairman

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By:  _____
Deputy Clerk