

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY IN SUPPORT OF THE ST. AUGUSTINE/ST. JOHNS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS INCENTIVE GRANT PROPOSAL ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN CULINARY FEDERATION, INC. TO RETAIN THEIR CORPORATE HOME OFFICE WITHIN ST. JOHNS COUNTY; PROVIDING FINDING OF FACTS TO SUPPORT THIS ACTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Economic Development Committee (EDC) was established by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County (the Board) by Resolution No. 99-90 to exist and serve as an advisory body in matters pertaining to economic development policies and to assist the Board in their creation of a fiscally attractive and competitive recruitment program for new and existing business considering relocation or to remain within St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, the American Culinary Federation, Inc. established its home office in St. Johns County, Florida in 1980 with three (3) employees and has increased to an administrative and instructional staff of thirty (30) today; and

WHEREAS, the American Culinary Federation, Inc. (the Federation) has a worldwide membership of approximately twenty thousand internationally known chefs and culinary experts; and

WHEREAS, the Federation members gather in St. Johns County, Florida to participate in classes, seminars and educational programs; and

WHEREAS, these gatherings of the Federation's membership increase and enhance the local economy of St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County enjoys the distinction of being the location of the home office of an internationally acclaimed institution; and

WHEREAS, the Federation is currently considering undertaking the relocation of its home office to another area.

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

SECTION 1. The American Culinary Federation, Inc. has been an influential organization within the St. Johns County business community and provides St. Johns County/St. Augustine, Florida name recognition in the culinary industry worldwide.

SECTION 2. The American Culinary Federation, Inc. since its beginning in 1980 has grown in staff and has supported St. Johns County through its payment of ad valorem and tangible taxes, as well as offering an elevated wage level to its staff.

SECTION 3. The Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County supports the utilization of available county resources to facilitate the St. Augustine/St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Business Incentive to encourage the Federation to remain in St. Johns County and continue having St. Augustine/St. Johns County, Florida as the official location of the home office.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2002.

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

By: James E. Bryant  
James E. Bryant, Chairman

Rendition Date: 07/24/02

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk of Court

By: Gudith M. Hamilton  
Deputy Clerk