

**RESOLUTION NO. 2002-95**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, CLARIFYING THE PURPOSE AND MISSION OF THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY CHILDREN'S COMMISSION.**

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, the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners provides numerous services directly affecting children and families; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners, on July 28, 1998, adopted Resolution 98-144 which established the St. Johns County Children's Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Commission has met regularly since that time, determining the manner in which it may best serve children of all ages in St. Johns County

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

Section 1. The Children's Commission will continue to oversee implementation and revision of the Children's Plan, and file an annual report by March 1, per Board policy.

Section 2. The Children's Commission shall represent the Board of County Commissioners to other children's agencies in St. Johns County, regarding fulfillment of the Five Promises outlined in America's Promise and reflected in the Children's Plan. These Five Promises are: 1) Ongoing relationships with caring adults; parents, tutors, mentors or coaches; 2) Safe places with structured activities during non-school hours; 3) Healthy start and future; 4) Marketable skills through effective education; 5) Opportunities to give back through community service.

Section 3. Utilizing the America's Promise Checklist for Children's Plan evaluation, the Children's Commission will create a status report and update the Children's Plan accordingly as goals are met and new needs are determined.

Section 4. The Children's Commission shall designate members to serve as liaisons to County boards that regularly address children's issues, including but not limited to, the Health & Human Services Advisory Council, the Library Advisory Board and the Recreation Advisory Board, to ensure the particular needs of children are adequately discussed and addressed.

Section 5. From time to time, the Children's Commission may research and prepare reports and recommendations on St. Johns County children's issues for the County Commission's edification and consideration.

Section 6. The Children's Commission shall help facilitate an annual community forum to solicit feedback on children's issues and needs.

Section 7. The Children's Commission has 12 members and two alternates; its membership shall include: at least six representatives from various children's service agencies in St. Johns County, and, when possible, representatives from each County Commission district.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 21st day of May, 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By: Patricia DeGrande  
Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 5-22-02

