

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-257

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, FINDING A PUBLIC PURPOSE IN THE EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES OF EDUCATING THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY ELECTORATE REGARDING ADOPTING A HOME RULE CHARTER

WHEREAS, St. Johns County, Florida, is presently a non-charter county government as established under Article VIII, Section 1(f) of the Florida Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Sections 1(c) and 1(g) of the Florida Constitution, providing that a county government may be established by charter, which shall be adopted upon a majority vote of the electors of the county; and

WHEREAS, Sections 125.60-64 and Sections 125.80, *et. seq.* of the Florida Statutes, provides a method whereby a non-charter county may locally initiate a county home rule charter by ordinance and referendum; and

WHEREAS, relying on a Florida Supreme Court decision, the Florida Attorney General has provided the opinion (AGO 98-33) that a County may expend County funds to support or oppose an issue before the electorate, provided that the County Commissioner makes the requisite legislative findings as to the purpose of the expenditure and the benefits accruing to the County from such expenditure; and,

WHEREAS, the County and its citizens are benefitted and served by an opportunity for education regarding a home rule charter government as proposed by Ordinance 2008-43.

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

1. The Whereas clauses set out above are hereby adopted by this Board as findings of fact.
2. The County Administrator is authorized to expend up to Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) in aggregate with St. John County Resolution 2008-256 for the purposes of educating the St. Johns County electorate regarding a home rule charter as proposed by Ordinance 2008-43.
3. The County Administrator shall ensure that any expenditures authorized by this resolution are specifically utilized to meet the public purpose of educating the public as described herein.

This Resolution shall take effect immediate upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County,
Florida this 16th day of September, 2008.



ATTEST: Geryl Strickland, Clerk

By: Pam Halterman
Deputy Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Thomas G. Manuel
Thomas G. Manuel, Chairman

Rendition Date: 9/19/08