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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, has been made aware of the critical shortage of fossil fuels available for large-scale transportational modes utilizing roadway or railway and that it is ever more essential the establishment and maintenance of more energy-efficient means of transporting bulk materials; and

WHEREAS, the Cross Florida Barge Canal represents a significant advancement in the area of providing a clean, economical, and energy-efficient method of transporting commercial and industrial raw materials and goods; and

WHEREAS, the Cross Florida Barge Canal Project has been authorized by the Congress of the United States since July 23, 1942, by Public Law 77-675; and

WHEREAS, the Cross Florida Barge Canal has met with dramatic new expressions of widespread public support, including recent resolutions from the Jacksonville City Council, the Citrus County Commission, the Putnam County Commission, the Jacksonville Northside Business Men's Club, the Jacksonville Southside Business Men's Club, the Jacksonville Westside Business Men's Club, the Duval County Democratic Executive Committee, the Duval County Republican Executive Committee, the Northeast Florida Builders Association, the Associated General Contractors of Northeast Florida, the Jacksonville Board of Realtors, the Florida Board of Realtors, the North Florida Central Labor Council, the Coalition for Rational Energy and Economic Development, the Duval County Republican Men's Club, the Duval County Young Republicans, the Duval County Young Democrats, the Jacksonville Mayor's Economic Development Council, the Jacksonville Port Authority, the Florida Waterways Association, Jacksonville Air Conditioners Association, Propeller Club, Florida Engineering Society, W.I.C.'s, Equipment Distributors Association, C.S.I., Putnam County Democratic Executive Committee, A.I.A.'s Jacksonville Mechanical Contractors, Builders Exchange of North Florida, Duval County Master Electricians, American Society of Military English, N.E.C.A., J.E.A., Florida Business Roundtable, Putnam County Chamber of Commerce, and many other groups; and

WHEREAS, there remain a variety of questions still not fully studied, such as the Canal's national defense advantages, the Canal's ability to slow down the flow of water to the ocean, the Canal's flood control capabilities, and the Canal's benefits to Florida's various recreational and commercial fisherman; and

WHEREAS, the Cross Florida Barge Canal could be of great benefit to the citizens of Nassau County in that it could encourage trade and commerce;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County that Congressman Charles Bennett, Congressman William Chappell, United States Senator Lawton Chiles, United States Senator Paula Hawkins, all members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, the Florida Cabinet, and the Northeast Florida State Legislative Delegations are hereby urged to support prompt completion of a cost-benefit analysis update of the Cross Florida Barge Canal.

RESOLVED this 19th day of July, 1983.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF NASSAU COUNTY

By: Gene Blackwelder  
Gene Blackwelder  
Its: Chairman



ATTEST:

By: T. J. Greeson

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Its: Ex-Officio Clerk