

A RESOLUTION OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO A PROPOSED TAX INCREASE BY THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT; AND, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Nassau County, Florida is working aggressively to reduce its millage rate in order to mitigate the impact of impending increases in federal taxes, and

WHEREAS, Nassau County views the proposed fifty-five percent increase by the St. Johns River Water Management District as grossly excessive and unrealistic at a time when many citizens are experiencing economic hardship, and

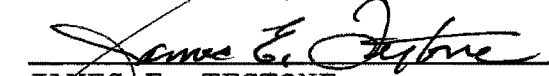
WHEREAS, land purchases by the water district remove those properties from the tax rolls, thereby negatively affecting local tax bases, and

WHEREAS, Nassau County supports the protection of environmentally sensitive lands and waters but contends that such protection can be best achieved by the coordination of efforts by all state and federal regulatory agencies (St. Johns River Water Management District, U.S. Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, on behalf of its citizens unanimously opposes any increase in the millage rate of the St. Johns River Water Management District, urges the exercise of extreme prudence in land purchases, and requests that the agency coordinate its efforts with other state and federal regulatory agencies to achieve their mutual objectives in a manner that is cost-effective and reflects concern for taxpayers.

ADOPTED this 23^d day of August _____, 1993.

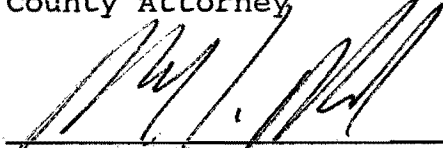
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