RESOLUTION NO. 99-65

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE SUPPORT OF THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN PURCHASES AND OTHER ACQUISITIONS OF REAL PROPERTY AND/OR DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS IN NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, it is the stated goal of the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners as outlined in Section 6, Policies 6.01.01 through 6.09.01 of the Nassau County Comprehensive Plan to conserve, utilize, and protect the natural resources of the area; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners have sought in the past to work cooperatively with the St. Johns River Water Management District on a number of issues and have requested and received assistance; and

WHEREAS, The St. Johns River Water Management District acquired approximately 3,630 acres of riverine bottomland hardwoods, low pinelands, steep slope hardwood forests, herb bogs, and longleaf pine sandhill communities to preserve the St. Marys River for 6.7 miles; and

WHEREAS, the District's land acquisition plan identifies areas of potential acquisition interest in the St. Marys River Basin and in the Nassau River Basin; and

WHEREAS, the District updates its land acquisition plan annually through public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the District seeks partnerships with local governments and private landowners to achieve water resource protection benefits for the general public; and

WHEREAS, the protection of land and water resources are of mutual interest to the general public of Nassau County, the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners, and the St. Johns River Water Management District.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this $17^{\rm th}$ day of May, 1999 that:

The Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, as governing body of the county, supports the acquisition of any real property by the St. Johns River Water Management District (District), the State of Florida, or any county partnerships for the purposes of managing and protecting water resources.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

J. H. COOPER Its: Chairman

ATTEST:

Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney:

MICHAEL S. MULLIN