## RESOLUTION NO. 2006-163

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE CONTINUED FUNDING OF THE ST. JOHNS RIVER FERRY

WHEREAS, the St. Johns River Ferry is an important link in State Road AlA; and

WHEREAS, discontinuing the St. Johns River Ferry service would discourage many motorists who would use alternate routes instead of A1A from Nassau County, through Mayport to Neptune Beach, Jacksonville Beach, Ponte Vedra and St. Augustine since the continuity of scenic A1A would be broken; and

WHEREAS, discontinuing the St. Johns River Ferry service would be detrimental to businesses that benefit from travelers who use scenic State Road AlA to Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, State Road AlA uses the St. Johns River Ferry to continue traffic flow and closing the ferry would result in increased congestion and increased travel for the citizens of Nassau County to travel to the Jacksonville Beach area; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns River Ferry will become an increasingly important transportation option as the population continues to grow on both sides of the river as well as the growing Navy base; and

WHEREAS, taking the St. Johns River Ferry is an experience and is part of our history that celebrates the St. Johns River.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this  $8^{\rm th}$  day of November 2006 that:

- 1. The Board of County Commissioners supports continuation of the St. Johns River Ferry service.
- 2. That the Board of County Commissioners supports exploring all potential sources of funding for the operation of the St. Johns River Ferry service.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

THOMAS D. BRANAN, JR.

Its: Chairman

ATTEST as to

Chairman's signature:

JOHN A. CRAWFORD

ts: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the

Nassau County Attorney:

MICHAEL S! MULLIN