

RESOLUTION NO. 93-55

SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUATION OF
FUNDING FOR THE OPERATION
OF THE MAYPORT FERRY

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has directed that operation of the Mayport Ferry by FDOT will be discontinued if the Ferry is not financially self-sufficient by June 30, 1993; and

WHEREAS, the Mayport Ferry provides for direct access across the St. Johns River, connecting the Fort George area of Duval County with Mayport; and

WHEREAS, The Mayport Ferry operates as a "floating" bridge across this area of the St. Johns River, with discontinuation causing a hardship for commuter who regularly utilize the service by causing traffic to have to take a considerable detour across the Napoleon B. Broward Bridge, located approximately ten miles west of the Ferry route and thereby adding twenty miles to the trip; and

WHEREAS, The Mayport Ferry is an integral part of S.R. 1A1A and is located on the State Highway System, with no other link on the State Highway System required to be financially self-sufficient; and

WHEREAS, cost of operating the Mayport Ferry is less than would be the cost of constructing a bridge spanning the St. Johns River in this area; and

WHEREAS, The Mayport Ferry does not have the environmental impacts to the area that construction of a bridge would; and

WHEREAS, The Mayport Ferry is a vital connection of SR 1A1A and discontinuation of service will destroy the continuity of this scenic route; and

WHEREAS, The Mayport Ferry is the only alternative for bicyclists to cross the St. Johns River in this area of Duval County, in that bicycles are prohibited from utilizing the Dames Point Bridge; and

WHEREAS, The Mayport Ferry contributed to the aesthetic quality and financial well-being of the Mayport area, and termination of service may negatively affect businesses located within Mayport, as well as diminishing the historical nature of the fishing village; and

WHEREAS, local chambers of commerce have expressed their desires in seeing that the Mayport Ferry continue operation, with termination of operation of the Mayport Ferry potentially causing an economic hardship to property and business owners in Mayport, as well as to commuters.

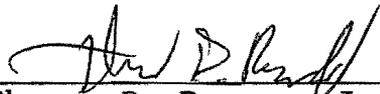
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners respectfully requests that the Legislature adopt legislation which directs the FDOT continue funding a set percentage of the operation of the Mayport Ferry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners respectfully request that the Jacksonville Transportation Authority also contribute to the funding of the operation of the Mayport Ferry.

ADOPTED this 21st day of December, 1992.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

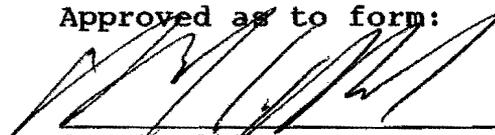
BY:


Thomas D. Branan, Jr.
Its: Chairman

ATTEST:


T. J. "Jerry" Greeson
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form:


County Attorney