

RESOLUTION NO.: 10-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE LIBERTY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OPPOSING SENATE BILL 550 REQUIRING MANDATORY SEPTIC TANK INSPECTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 550 requires all 2.3 million septic tank owners, regardless of location, to have mandatory inspections by a private contractor every five years at a cost averaging \$500; and

WHEREAS, homeowners that fail to comply could face fines up to \$500; and

WHEREAS, the inspections could lead to forced septic system replacements, which, by some estimates, can run as high as \$14,000; and

WHEREAS, because Liberty County is a rural area, most Liberty County citizens have septic tanks; and

WHEREAS, Liberty County is considered a fiscally constrained county; and

WHEREAS, the current economic conditions of the nation, state, and county, are depressed;

WHEREAS, many Liberty County citizens do not have the financial ability to pay for the septic tank inspections and septic tank improvements; and

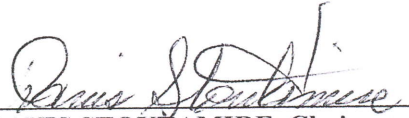
WHEREAS, the original purpose of Senate Bill 550 was to protect springs that are located in close proximity to septic tanks; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 550 is now far overreaching to include all septic tanks regardless of their location.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Liberty County, Florida, as follows:

1. That the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners unanimously opposes Senate Bill 550.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY by the Board of County Commissioners of Liberty County,
Florida, this 9th day of September, 2010.


DAVIS STOUTAMIRE, Chairman
Liberty County Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:


ROBERT HILL, Clerk of Court