A RESOLUTION OF THE ALACHUA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING MERIDIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE, INC. TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN THE NAME OF ALACHUA COUNTY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE REINVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Florida Department of Children and Families has given notice that it intends to make grant awards under the Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program established by Sec. 394.656, Florida Statutes (Grant); and

WHEREAS, Meridian Behavioral Health Care, Inc., (Meridian) has been involved with the County's administration of past Grants under this program; and,

WHEREAS, Meridian is qualified to apply on behalf of the County in the role of an applicant agency on behalf of Alachua County in the current grant program being offered by the Department of Children and Families; and,

WHEREAS, Meridian has shown through past practices its ability to work with the local Planning Committee required under the grant program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ALACHUA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SITTING IN REGULAR SESSION

That Meridian Behavioral Health Care, Inc. is authorized on behalf of Alachua County to act as its applicant agency for the Grant being offered by the Department of Children and Families.

That in accordance with Florida Statutes, Meridian may only take such action as authorized by law and must present its plan to the County's Planning Committee for coordination and oversight.