

RESOLUTION 2001 - 186

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REDISTRICTING PLANS THAT PROMOTES SINGLE DISTRICT REPRESENTATION FOR NASSAU COUNTY IN THE FLORIDA STATE SENATE AND ESTABLISHES TIES THAT WILL INSURE NASSAU COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE DUVAL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND RECOGNIZES THE EMERGING COMMUNITY INTEREST IN NASSAU COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Nassau County has experienced a significant change in its population density, distribution and development over the last ten (10) years and is now a fast growing small county; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County in the last ten years has experienced rapid growth and development in the number of residential dwellings and commercial business interests; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County continues to face significant challenges to agriculture and silvaculture; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County faces the challenges associated with rapid residential growth and its ability to provide local services, which require greater assistance from both the State and Federal elected representatives; and

WHEREAS, more than fifty percent (50%) of the residents in Nassau County work outside the County and have employment, cultural, and economic ties to other parts of Northeast Florida; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County has learned over the years that political representation works best in our community when east and west side interests are combined through single-district representation; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County residents deserve to have a reasonably close geographical proximity to their elected officials who represent them in Tallahassee and in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County includes a coastal community that faces unique challenges that require both Federal and State assistance; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County, for decades, has been closely tied both economically and culturally to Jacksonville and the communities which make up the region known as "Florida's First Coast"; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County benefits from representation that includes participation in the Duval County Legislative Delegation in that many regional issues impact the citizens of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 17th day of December, 2001, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, as follows:

1. The Board supports redistricting plans that (a) promote single-district representation for Nassau County in

the Florida State Senate, and (b) establish ties that will ensure Nassau County's participation in the Duval County Legislative Delegation, and (c) recognizes the emerging community interests in Nassau County that include coastal issues, residential and commercial development, and unique funding problems associated with fast growing small counties.

2. The Board is hereby resolved in its support that Nassau County should be represented in the Florida State Senate by a State Senator affiliated with the Duval County Legislative Delegation, and that Nassau County should retain single-member representation in the Florida State Senate.

3. The Board strongly recommends against any actions that would serve to divide Nassau County along geographic lines. The Board opposes efforts that would place Nassau County in a State Senate District that would separate the citizens of Nassau County from the issues, economic and cultural ties that unite us with our neighboring communities in Northeast Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



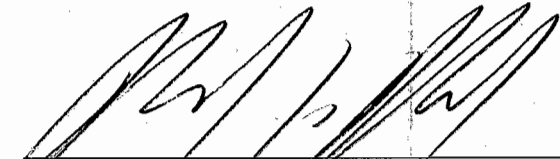
MARIANNE MARSHALL
Its: Chairman

ATTEST:



J. M. "CHIP" OXLEY, JR.
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney


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