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WHEREAS, in January and February of 1978, Northeast Florida experienced unseasonably cold weather, and

WHEREAS, the water temperature off the coast reached 46° caused by a combination of freezing weather and movement of the gulf stream farther from the Northeast shore of Florida, and

WHEREAS, tropical crustaceans which normally travel and lay eggs during May and June will not travel until water temperature reaches 76°, in the waters of Northeast Florida, and

WHEREAS, this temperature was not reached until July 15, 1978 in the waters of Northeast Florida, and

WHEREAS, this set of circumstances has caused severe hardship on the shrimping industry, and related industries because it reduces production, and

WHEREAS, many shrimpers are in danger of losing their boats because of their inability to make mortgage payments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY that the GOVERNOR of the STATE OF FLORIDA, is hereby requested to seek assistance for those fishermen and related members of the shrimping industry who have suffered losses, and to seek to provide those fishermen and related members of the shrimping industry with low interest loans so that they can survive until conditions are more favorable for recouping their losses.


THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the GOVERNOR is requested to seek such assistance from both State and Federal sources and to seek as well the declaration of the Northeast Florida Sea Coast Area as a disaster area for the purposes of

State and Federal assistance to the shrimping industry and
its related counterparts.

ADOPTED this 8th day of August, 1978.

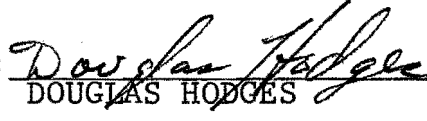
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

Attest:


D. O. OXLEY

Its: Ex-officio Clerk

By:


DOUGLAS HODGES

Its: Chairman