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RESOLUTION BY
LOCAL OFFICIALS TO
IMPLEMENT CHAPTER 22
FLORIDA STATUTES

TO PROVIDE, IN THE EVENT OF ENEMY ATTACK UPON THE UNITED STATES, FOR THE CONTINUITY OF THE OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NASSAU COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, AND FOR INTERIM SUCCESSION TO THE OFFICES OF DULY ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF NASSAU COUNTY, WHEN SUCH ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS ARE UNAVAILABLE.

WHEREAS, as a result of such attack, the duly elected or appointed officials of Nassau County may be UNAVAILABLE to discharge the authority, responsibility, and leadership of the office to which elected or appointed, and,

WHEREAS, due to the almost certain disruption of communications and other services of government it may be impractical because of the urgency of the situation to initiate and pursue the existing legal procedures for the election or appointment of successors to those officials UNAVAILABLE by reason of enemy attack, and,

WHEREAS, it is considered imperative to provide for the effective operation of civil government under emergency conditions to supply the necessary social services to survivors of the attack, to sustain morale, restore economic functions, resume essential production and facilitate the earliest possible resumption of functions temporarily suspended through necessity, and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 22, Florida Statutes, enables political entities, local departments and agencies of such political entities of the State of Florida to provide through appropriate Resolution or Ordinance for emergency interim succession to public office to assure the continuation of essential functions of the government of Nassau County under conditions of enemy attack.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, the legally constituted governing body thereof, by official action this the 31st day of March, 1980, that in order to assure legally constituted leadership, authority and responsibility in the offices of Nassau County in the event of enemy attack, and to provide for the continuation of essential functions of civil government during such periods of emergency, the following procedures governing automatic interim emergency succession to office in the event of the UNAVAILABILITY of the duly elected or appointed officials are hereby established.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner John F. Armstrong, Jr. who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hazel Jones, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

The Chairman of the Board thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 31st day of March, 1980.

Board of County Commissioners
NASSAU County, Florida

By: John F. Claxton
John F. Claxton, Chairman

SEAL OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

Attest:

D. O. Oxley
D. O. Oxley, Clerk