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RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SUCCESSION OF LOCAL OFFICIALS

County of NASSAU, Florida  
Board of County Commissioners

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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, a nuclear attack upon these United States would seriously disrupt our transportation, communications, and economy, and,

WHEREAS, effective recovery from such an attack would demand that emergency actions be planned and directed by recognized authority, and,

WHEREAS, the survival of the Nation depends on the ability of Federal, State, County and local governments to carry out their responsibilities in the event of a massive nuclear attack, and,

WHEREAS, automatic lines of succession are essential if government is to function effectively in an emergency, and,

WHEREAS, automatic lines of succession are necessary to assure continuous leadership and authority,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this Board of County Commissioners of the County of NASSAU, that in the event of the death or incapacity of any or all Nassau County Commissioners during the time of a National (wartime) disaster, the following lines of succession for Nassau County Commissioners be hereby established this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1980:

DISTRICT I

1st Successor-----Mayor of Fernandina Beach, Florida  
2nd Successor-----School Board Member, Fernandina Beach, Florida

DISTRICT II

1st Successor-----Hospital Board Member, Amelia Island  
2nd Successor-----Chairman, Amelia Island Mosquito Control Board

DISTRICT III

1st Successor-----Hospital Board Member, Yulee, Florida  
2nd Successor-----School Board Member, Yulee, Florida

DISTRICT IV

1st Successor-----Chairman, City Commission, Hilliard, Florida  
2nd Successor-----Mayor of Hilliard, Florida

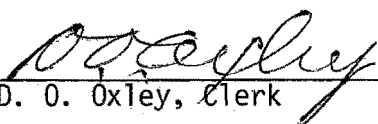
DISTRICT V

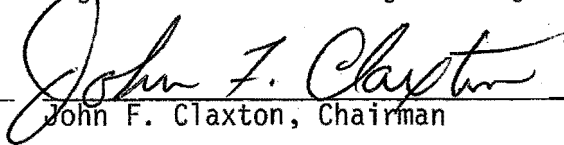
1st Successor-----Chairman, City Commission, Callahan, Florida  
2nd Successor-----Mayor of Callahan, Florida

1. Each duly elected or appointed official of Nassau County shall designate, by title, if feasible, or by named person, not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7) emergency interim successors to his office and specify their order of succession.
2. It shall be incumbent upon each elected or appointed official of Nassau County to review and revise as necessary, the designations of emergency interim successors made pursuant to this resolution.
3. The Clerk of the Circuit Court, or other designated official, shall maintain in current status the list of designees for emergency interim succession to the elective and appointive officials of Nassau County, and the order of their succession.
4. The emergency interim successor shall exercise the powers and discharge the duties of the office to which designated until such time as the vacancy created by the UNAVAILABILITY of the regularly elected official shall be filled in accordance with the Constitution of applicable Statutes or until the elected officials (or a preceding designated emergency interim successor) again becomes available to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of his office.
5. Designated emergency interim successors are empowered to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of the office to which designated ONLY AFTER AN ATTACK ON THE UNITED STATES HAS OCCURED and then ONLY by reason of the UNAVAILABILITY of the regular incumbent or the immediately preceding designated successor. Designated emergency interim successors are retained on the official roster of successors and in the established order of their succession at the pleasure of the designating authority, who may amend or revise such roster with or without cause.
6. Designated emergency interim successors shall upon designation, (if required) take the oath of office prescribed for the duly elected official with the further stipulation that the designee shall be empowered to exercise the powers and duties of such office only in the event of the UNAVAILABILITY of the duly elected or appointed incumbent, or the immediately preceding successor, following enemy attack on the United States. No other oath of office shall be required for succession to the office under the conditions stated herein.

Attested to:

Signature of head of governing body:

  
D. O. Oxley, Clerk

  
John F. Claxton, Chairman

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