RESOLUTION NO. 91-126

WHEREAS, Florida's environment is valuable, fragile, and precious; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Florida is dependent upon the life-sustaining qualities of our environment; and

WHEREAS, industrial and commercial activities within the State of Florida create threats to Florida's environment, including Florida's air quality and water quality; and

WHEREAS, the burning of hazardous waste within Florida whether in boilers, industrial furnaces, cement kilns, or incinerators creates a hazard of an unknown, but potentially dangerous magnitude; and

WHEREAS, Florida's future, and the health of its citizens, are entirely too precious to be at risk by their placement on the brink of an unknown environment abyss; and

WHEREAS, the state of Texas has currently imposed a moratorium of the burning of hazardous waste; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Senate presently has under consideration by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works a bill creating a moratorium on the burning of hazardous wastes in cement kilns; and

WHEREAS, the dangers associated with the burning of hazardous waste have not bee adequately identified.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The Governor of the State of Florida, the State of Florida Department of Environmental Regulation and the Legislature of the State of Florida are hereby officially urged to impose a five (5) year moratorium on the burning of hazardous wastes in boilers, industrial furnaces, cement kilns, incinerators, or otherwise within the State of Florida.

SECTION 2. The moratorium is strongly encouraged to protect Florida, its environment and its citizens, until such time as assurances of a scientific certainty can be made as to the nondeleterious effects of the handling, storage and burning of hazardous waste on human health and safety.

SECTION 3. A copy of this Resolution shal be sent to the Nassau County legislative delegation; the Governor of the State of Florida; and the Florida Department of Environmental

Regulation. Also, copies shall be sent to the municipalities of Nassau County with the request that each such municipality adopt a similar resolution.

ADOPTED this 9th day of September, 1991.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

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ATTEST:

Ex-Officio Clerk