

## RESOLUTION NO. 92-11

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES' PROPOSED ARTIFICIAL FISHING REEFS PROGRAM CODE, CHAPTER 16R-9

WHEREAS, Nassau County's economic base depends upon the fishing industry; and

WHEREAS, in order to be a vital economic source within the community, the fishing industry must constantly provide havens for sea creatures and fish in the food chain; and

WHEREAS, fishing reefs are essential to replenishment of the species; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Florida's coastal bottom does not contain the same amount of natural coral or vertical structures found elsewhere along Florida's coast; and

WHEREAS, there are insufficient natural fishing reefs within the range of Nassau County's fishing fleet; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources' proposed Chapter 16R-9 Artificial Fishing Reefs Code lists tires, white goods, railroad cars, automobile, truck, bus and airplane bodies (even when stripped) as unacceptable fishing reef material; and

WHEREAS, proposed Code (Chapter 16R-9) revisions would prohibit reef building materials which are currently the most available, affordable, successful, and without documented detrimental environmental effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners urgently requests the Governor and the Cabinet to veto the Department of Natural Resources' proposed Artificial Fishing Reef Program Control Code, Chapter 16R-9.

DULY ADOPTED this 14th day of October, 1991.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY:

*Jim B. Dickman*  
ITS: CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

*J. J. Mason by Janna Cason P.C.*  
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