

RESOLUTION NO. 97 - 222

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER, 1997 AS "COMMUNITIES
IN SCHOOLS AWARENESS MONTH" IN NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, dropping out of school severely diminishes an individual's opportunity to become self-sufficient and creates a great burden on society as many dropouts end up unemployed, on welfare, in prison or otherwise dependent on the larger community, costing our nation millions of dollars each year in lost tax revenues, welfare and crime prevention; and

WHEREAS, reversing the trend of school dropouts requires an increased awareness of the dimensions of the problem and the mobilization of federal, state, family, community, and school resources in implementing measures to keep students in schools; and

WHEREAS, Communities in Schools (CIS), the largest stay-in-school network, has proven effective in helping students overcome obstacles and to stay in school throughout Nassau County since 1993; and

WHEREAS, Communities in Schools remains committed to the provision of four basic elements every child needs and deserves including a personal, one-on-one relationship with a caring adult; a safe place to learn and grow; a marketable skill to use upon graduation; and a chance to give back to peers and community; and

WHEREAS, the fundamental mission of CIS generates and fosters growth of the community of support built for the students and their

families within the schools, as well as the community resources brought to the schools; and

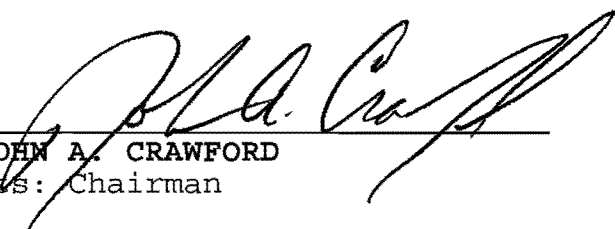
WHEREAS, CIS has chosen this month to recognize and give thanks to its many community partners from the public and private sector, including board members, volunteers, tutors, mentors, businesses, civic organizations, and funders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 24th day of November, 1997, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, as follows:

1. The Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, does hereby proclaim November, 1997 as "*Communities in Schools Awareness Month*" in Nassau County, Florida.

2. The Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, hereby urges all residents to support CIS in its mission to champion the connection of needed community resources with schools to help young people successfully learn, stay in school, and prepare for life.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



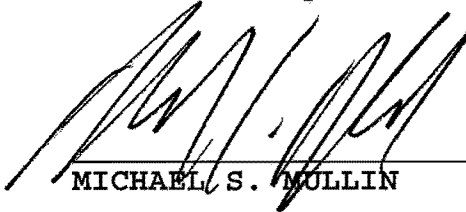
JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Chairman

ATTEST:



J. M. "CHIP" OXLEY, JR.
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney:



MICHAEL S. MULLIN