

RESOLUTION NO. 97- 41

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA URGING THE CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR
THE PRESERVATION 2000 PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Nassau County citizens have an interest and concern for the protection of natural lands; and

WHEREAS, Preservation 2000 is a ten-year program designed to acquire and therefore save Florida's best remaining natural land, and is the state's most comprehensive land protection program; and

WHEREAS, Preservation 2000 is now in the eighth year and has already saved environmentally sensitive land in 58 counties throughout Florida; and

WHEREAS, Preservation 2000 is a wise investment for our children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Preservation 2000 funds purchase greenways, recreational trails, state forests, urban parks, historical sites, wildlife conservation areas, and coastal lands. These natural areas provide multiple recreational benefits to Florida's growing population; and

WHEREAS, each year the legislature must appropriate funds to pay the first year debt service on each bond series; and

WHEREAS, funding for the debt service comes from documentary stamp tax revenue and will cover the debt service on all ten series without additional tax increases; and

WHEREAS, the quantity and quality of our drinking water depend

upon functioning ecosystems, including wetlands and sandy uplands, which serve as critical recharge areas. Preservation 2000 plays an important role in protecting Florida's water resources.

WHEREAS, Florida's ability to keep pace with this growth depends on the continued funding of Preservation 2000; and

WHEREAS, local governments across the state depend upon matching funds from Preservation 2000 to fund their own acquisition and growth management programs; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County recognizes the importance of Preservation 2000 in enabling the achievement of conservation goals, growth management and comprehensive land use plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, this 13th day of January, 1997, as follows:

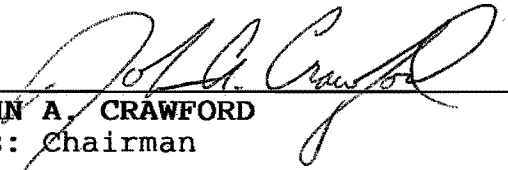
1. That the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners hereby urges the Legislature of the State of Florida to:

- a. Appropriate \$5 million for an eighth series of Preservation 2000 bonds.
- b. Ensure that lands conserved with Preservation 2000 funds are protected in perpetuity.

2. That the Clerk be hereby directed to furnish copies of this Resolution to the members of the Nassau County Legislative Delegation.

3. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



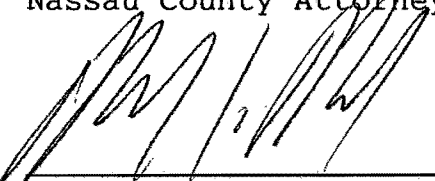
JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Chairman

ATTEST:



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

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney:



MICHAEL S. MULLIN