RESOLUTION NO. 99- 156

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA CELEBRATING NASSAU COUNTY'S STATE PARKS AND RECOGNIZING FLORIDA'S STATE PARKS FOR THE AWARD OF THE "STATE PARKS GOLD MEDAL AWARD" BY THE NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, Florida's state parks have been an integral part of our local communities for nearly sixty five years; and

WHEREAS, Florida's park system has been responsible for not only preserving the most pristine of our natural landscapes, but also taking care of the state's most important historic sites, and providing quality outdoor recreational and educational experiences to millions of Florida's school children, residents, and visitors throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County has a variety of state park areas that preserve the natural beauty and rich history; and

WHEREAS, historic Fort Clinch State Park, one of the state's earliest state parks, has offered field trips, fishing tournaments and camping excursions to the residents and visitors of the area; and

WHEREAS, the National Recreation and Parks Association, recognized Florida's State Park System by awarding the prestigious "State Parks Gold Medal Award", and recognizing the Florida State Parks as having the best park system of all fifty states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this $20^{\rm th}$ day of December, 1999 as follows:

That the Board of County Commissioners celebrates Nassau County's state parks and urges all citizens to visit their Florida state park system, which has been recognized as the top state park system in the nation.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

H. COOPER

Its: Chairman

ATTEST:

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

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney: