RESOLUTION 2000 - 182

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER, 2000, AS COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS AWARENESS MONTH.

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

WHEREAS, eliminating the dropout problem requires an increased awareness of the dimensions of the problem, as well as the mobilization of federal, state, and local resources, in addition to family and community resources, in implementing measures which encourage students to remain in school; and

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

WHEREAS, CIS remains committed to the provision of five basic elements which every student needs and deserves, including a personal, one-on-one relationship with a caring

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adult, a healthy start and a healthy future, a safe place to learn and grow, a marketable skill to use upon graduation, and a chance to give back to peers and community through meaningful service; and

WHEREAS, the fundamental mission of CIS is to generate and foster the growth of a community of support, the purpose of which is to connect students with the resources they need in the place where they can most easily access those resources, the public schools; and

WHEREAS, CIS has overcome many obstacles to success and thrives today thanks to a supportive network of partners who are committed to achieving the goals of the organization for the benefit of students and their families; and

WHEREAS, CIS has chosen the month of November to recognize and thank its many community partners from the public and private sectors, including board members, volunteers, tutors, mentors, businesses, civic organizations, funders, and the Nassau County School District and its administrators and teachers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 13th day of November, 2000, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that we do hereby proclaim November, 2000, as:

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COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS AWARENESS MONTH

In Nassau County and urge all residents to support CIS and its associated programs in their mission to champion the connection of needed community resources with schools to help young people stay in school, successfully learn, and prepare for life.

> BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

and NICK D. DEONAS

Its: Chairman

ATTEST

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

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney

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> MICHAEL S. MULLIN County Attorney

WALTER D. GOSSETT County Coordinator

TO: WALT GOSSETT

FROM: MICHAEL S. MULLI

SUBJECT: CIS RESOLUTION

DATE: October 26, 2000

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Enclosed is the Resolution for the above matter along with a copy of the letter requesting the Resolution from Communities in Schools.

Please place this matter on the Board's agenda under my business for November 13, 2000.

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Enclosure

(904) 225-2610 Board Room; 321-5703, 879-1029, (800) 958-3496

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October 17, 2000

Mr. Nick Deonas, Chairman Nassau County Board of County Commissioners Post Office Box 1010 Fernandina Beach, Florida 32035

Dear Mr. Deonas:

Communities In Schools of Nassau County is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to helping young people stay in school, successfully learn, and prepare for life. We have been doing so since 1993, and we provided services to over 1,100 students in the 1998-1999 school year.

Florida Governor Jeb Bush has proclaimed November 2000 "Communities In Schools Awareness Month." I am writing to ask that the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners make that same proclamation locally. I have attached a sample proclamation for your convenience.

Should you have any questions about Communities In Schools, or this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at 321-2000. Thank you in advance for the your consideration.

Yours truly,

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Michael L. Lisle Executive Director Communities In Schools of Nassau County, Inc.

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October 25, 2000

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> MICHAEL S. MULLIN County Attorney

WALTER D. GOSSETT County Coordinator

Mr. Michael L. Lisle Executive Director Communities in Schools of Nassau County, Inc. Post Office Box 501 Fernandina Beach, FL 32035-0501

Dear Mr. Lisle:

Commissioner Deonas has provided me with a copy of letter dated October 17, 2000, and your the CIS He has asked me to prepare a Resolution that Proclamation. incorporates the aspects of the Proclamation that you have provided and place it on the Board's next aqenda on November 13, 2000.

I expect that the matter will be placed under my portion of the agenda and will be approved by the full Board, and the appropriate copies provided to you.

Sincerely yours, MULLIN

MSM/am

Cc: Commissioner Nick D. Deonas Walt Gossett

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CIS PROCLAMATION

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