

RESOLUTION 2001 - 151

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER, 2001, 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 meaningful relationship with a caring 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 of Nassau County is a nationally recognized program that 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 both the private and public sectors, including board members, volunteers, tutors, mentors, businesses, local governments, civic organizations, funders, and the Nassau County School District and its administrators, teachers, and support personnel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 15th day of October, 2001, by the Board of County Commissioners of

Nassau County, Florida, that we do hereby proclaim
November, 2001, as:

COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS AWARENESS MONTH

and further proclaims November 13, 2001 as

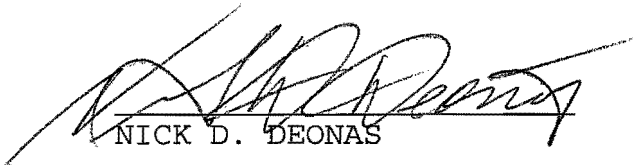
COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS DAY

in Nassau County and urges 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



MARIANNE MARSHALL
Its: Chairman



NICK D. DEONAS



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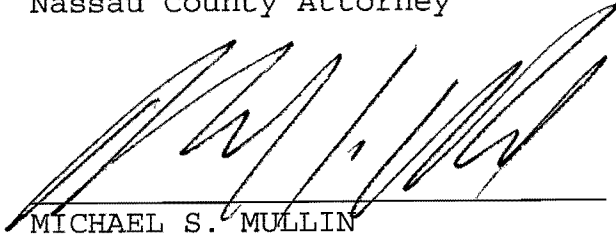
FLOYD L. VANZANT

ATTEST:



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

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael S. Mullin', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

MICHAEL S. MULLIN