

RESOLUTION 2002 - 108

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORT TO SURVEY AND ASSESS THE NEEDS OF THE ARTS AND CULTURAL RESOURCES IN NASSAU COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County acknowledges the importance of arts and cultural resources in attracting tourism, new residents, and new business development to Nassau County, as well as in the development of our youth through arts education; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds there is a need to survey and assess the needs, as well as to promote the development of the arts, artists, arts institutions, community organizations sponsoring arts activities, and awareness in Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Association of Local Arts Agencies (FALAA) serves as the official statewide umbrella organization representing Florida's local arts agencies by helping develop, professionally assist, coordinate efforts, and promote local arts agencies in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County has become a Mentor County, and, therefore, qualifies for technical assistance from the professional staff at FALAA; and

WHEREAS, the FALAA's Mentor Program focuses on Florida Counties that do not have organized local arts agencies by:

(1) helping to organize a meeting with individuals identified as concerned citizens committed to arts and cultural development in order to assess the status of the arts and other cultural resources of the County, and (2) identifying and prioritizing the needs of the County, and (3) assigning a mentor consultant who will continue to assist in the development and implementation of strategies to meet the top priority needs, including identifying potential leadership to carry out the strategies, and enhancing networking and communications within the arts and cultural community; and

WHEREAS, the results of this meeting and follow-up consultations could result in a request for the formation of a Local Arts Agency For Nassau County, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 265.32.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 10th day of June, 2002, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida as follows:

1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby endorses and supports the efforts to work with the Florida Association of Local Arts Agencies (FALAA) in planning, coordinating and conducting a meeting that will bring together all the arts and cultural community of Nassau County to assess where they are, where they want to go, and

how to get there, as a potential first step in creating a local Arts Agency.

2. Directs the County Attorney's office to assist FALAA in accomplishing this.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



NICK D. DEONAS
Its: Chairman

ATTEST:



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

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney



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