

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-166

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 6 - 12, 2002 AS
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IN NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, more than one (1) million people are treated for burn injuries each year in the United States and eighty percent (80%) of these burn injuries and consequent deaths are preventable; and

WHEREAS, there are more than two hundred and nine (209) fires in Florida homes everyday and of these: forty percent (40%) start in the kitchen, over twenty-two percent (22%) are caused by faulty wiring, followed by careless smoking, children playing with matches or lighters, and unattended heating devices; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarms are not present in fifty-two percent (52%) of these Florida homes; and

WHEREAS, more than two-thirds (2/3) of Florida's fire fatalities are aged 40 and over; and

WHEREAS, educating the public about fire prevention and fire safety is crucial to saving lives; and therefore, all residents of Nassau County, Florida, should have a basic knowledge of fire prevention; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Fire Department joins with other fire prevention educators and fire safety advocates throughout the United States, during Fire Prevention Week 2002, in recognizing the seriousness of the hazard and the urge need to educate the public in how to take precautions against the

possibility of fires in and around the home and to spread the message that "Fire Safety Saves Lives"; and

WHEREAS, Fire Safety Week has had National observance for eighty (80) years since 1922; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate to acknowledge the contributions of the Nassau County Fire Department and their continued support of Fire Prevention Week.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this 30th day of September, 2002 by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

1. The week of October 6-13, 2002 is hereby proclaimed as Fire Prevention Week in Nassau County, Florida.
2. The Board of County Commissioners encourages all of its citizens to support the Nassau County Fire Department's efforts by taking appropriate precautions to protect their families from devastating fire injuries.

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NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



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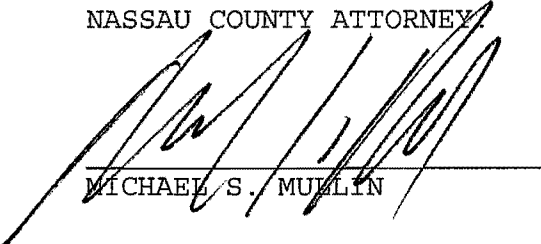

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