

RESOLUTION 2002 - 034

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING RACHEL D. SUTTON ON HER SEVENTEEN (17) YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF NASSAU COUNTY AS THE DEVELOPER AND PROVIDER OF SERVICES FOR MENTAL HEALTH, ALCOHOLISM, AND DRUG ABUSE.

WHEREAS, Rachel Sutton moved to Nassau County in 1985, from Buffalo, New York, where she had served as the head of their Alcohol and Drug Prevention Agency and as President of the Halfway Houses of Western New York; and

WHEREAS, in November, 1985, Rachel Sutton took over and developed new services in Nassau County under the auspices of Gateway Community Services for Mental Health, Alcoholism, and Drug Abuse, which included the creation of the first women's and children's in-patient services; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Sutton created the Mental Health Advisory Board operated by citizens of Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Sutton was called out of retirement in 1991 by the Board of County Commissioners to create, in cooperation with the Nassau County Mental Health Board and the Nassau County Alliance for the Mentally Ill, an accredited agency to provide Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Programs to serve all the citizens of Nassau County. This agency opened its doors in 1992, and expanded to include a facility on the west side of Nassau County in

1994, and a "drop-in" center where persons in recovery could go for mutual support; and

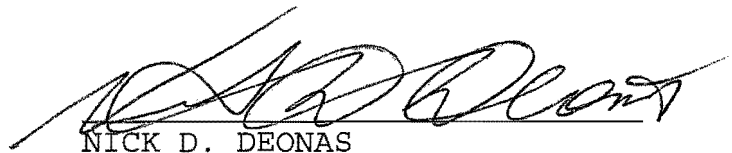
WHEREAS, Rachel Sutton has announced her retirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 25th day of February, 2002, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, as follows:


1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby commends Rachel D. Sutton for her seventeen years of dedicated service to the citizens of Nassau County as the leader and driving force behind the provision of services for Mental Health, Alcoholism, and Drug Abuse in Nassau County.


2. The Board honors Rachel D. Sutton, not only for her outstanding leadership, but also for her continued strong advocacy for the provision of Mental Health, Alcoholism, and Drug Abuse services for all the citizens of Nassau County.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



NICK D. DEONAS
Its: Chairman

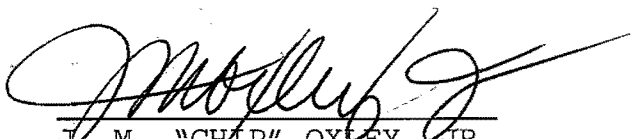

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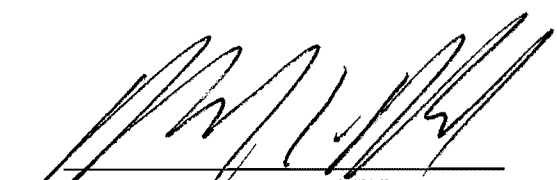

FLOYD L. VANZANT


MAIRIANNE MARSHALL

ATTEST:


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

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney


MICHAEL S. MULLIN

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