

RESOLUTION 2003 - 07

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S
ACQUIRING MARTIN'S ISLAND.

WHEREAS, Martin's Island is located in Tiger Basin in Nassau County and provides critical upland habitation within thousands of acres of marsh in the basin for birds that travel both near and far; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County has been resolute in encouraging preservation for environmentally important salt marshes and waterways and in protecting and interpreting significant historic and pre-historic sites, and in providing opportunities for outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, Martin's Island is a critical link in a greenway and marsh that stretches from the Timucuan Preserve to the south and the Cumberland Island National Seashore to the north; and

WHEREAS, the benefit of Martin's Island being associated with Ft. Clinch State Park and this greenway and marsh to Nassau county and its every more important eco-tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, eco-tourism, ecological protection, preservation, and compatible recreational uses of Martin's Island benefits the Northeast Florida Community as a whole.

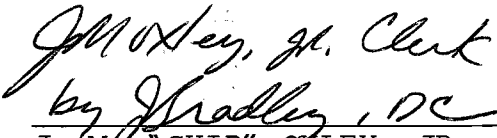
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 27th day of January, 2003, that the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, does hereby endorse the acquisition of Martin's Island by the State of Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



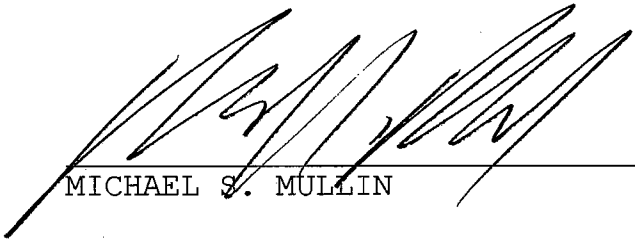
VICKIE SAMUS
Its: Chairman

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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