

RESOLUTION 2003 -61

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY AS
CIVILITY MONTH IN NASSAU COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the open exchange of public discourse is essential to the democratic system of government; and

WHEREAS, as a cornerstone of democracy, Americans have observed certain rules of behavior generally known as civility; and

WHEREAS, civility, derived from the Latin words "civitas", meaning city, and "civis", meaning citizen, is behavior worthy of citizens living in a community or in common with others; and

WHEREAS, displays of anger, rudeness, ridicule, impatience, and a lack of respect and personal attacks detract from the open exchange of ideas, prevent fair discussion of the issues, and can discourage individuals from participation in government; and


WHEREAS, civility can assist in reaching consensus on diverse issues and allow for mutually respectful ongoing relationships; and

WHEREAS, civility can uplift our daily life and make it more pleasant to live in an organized society; and

WHEREAS, the City, County and Local Government Law Section of The Florida Bar urges the adoption of a pledge of civility by all citizens in the State of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 14th day of ~~April~~ May, 2003, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that the month of May is proclaimed as CIVILITY MONTH, and calls upon all citizens to exercise civility towards each other.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



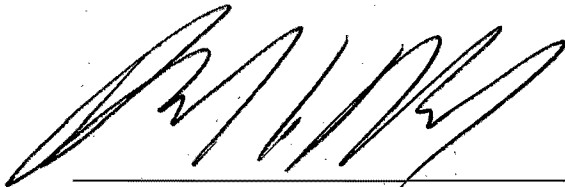
VICKIE SAMUS
Its: Chairman

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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