## RESOLUTION NO. 2004-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1-7, 2004 AS "BURN AWARENESS WEEK" IN NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, according to recent statistics, more than 2 million people are burned each year in our nation, including 60,000 hospitalized for burn treatment; and

WHEREAS, children represent more than thirty five percent (35%) of all fire and burn injuries and deaths; and

WHEREAS, approximately seventy five percent (75%) of all burn injuries and deaths are preventable; and

WHEREAS, fire Marshals and Fire Prevention Bureaus stress the importance of knowing what to do before a fire starts and learning how to be prepared in case a fire starts in the night; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that all homes have working smoke alarms, and families are urged to establish an escape plan in case of fire and to hold home fire drills; and

WHEREAS, educating the public about burn prevention and fire safety is crucial to saving lives; and

WHEREAS, parents, grandparents, babysitters and older siblings should have a basic knowledge of fire and burn risks in kitchens and bathrooms to ensure children are not at risk; and

WHEREAS, the Shrine of North America and Shriners Hospitals for Children join with other burn facilities across the nation in

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recognizing the seriousness of fire hazards and the urgent need to educate the public about burn prevention and fire safety.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004, that the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida does hereby:

- Designates the week of February 1-7, 2004 as "Burn Awareness Week" in Nassau County, Florida as part of a concerted effort to increase public awareness regarding burn prevention, especially among children.
- 2. Acknowledges the contributions of the Shrine of North Florida and commends the Fernandina Beach Shriners for their continued support and care for young burn victims.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

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