

RESOLUTION 2005 - 168

A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY CONDITION FOR THE OCEANFRONT PROPERTY EXTENDING FROM SADLER ROAD TO THE NORTHERN CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH; AND REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR, CABINET, AND LEGISLATURE ASSIST NASSAU COUNTY IN THIS EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the development of a Federal Shore Protection project intended for the restoration of the beaches of Nassau County was first initiated in 1974; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has determined that at least fifty percent (50%) of the erosion of Nassau County's shoreline has been caused by the construction and maintenance of the adjacent federal navigation project at St. Marys Entrance over the last 100 or more years; and

WHEREAS, a Federal Shore Protection project to protect Nassau County was successfully authorized in 1982 by the Congress of the United States of America, but has yet to be built; and

WHEREAS, project delays have necessitated the formulation of two (2) separate General Reevaluation Reports by the Jacksonville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, the project has received funding by Congress totaling \$750,000.00 on the construction side of the public

works Federal budget as recently as fiscal year 2004-2005;
and

WHEREAS, the last administrative approval necessary for construction of this project is being delayed unnecessarily by the South Atlantic Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, recent hurricanes over the past two (2) years have adversely affected northeast Florida and have resulted in extraordinary devastation to public beaches and an eminent threat to private property owned by citizens of Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, there are presently several dozen homes in immediate jeopardy along the oceanfront of Nassau County due to the continuing delay in the implementation of the Federal Shore Protection project with many dozens more threatened; and

WHEREAS, Congress has appropriated over the past year specific monies for post hurricane relief, however, that money went only to restore existing Federal Shore Protection projects around Florida, including those located in adjacent Duval and nearby St. Johns Counties; and

WHEREAS, although the Nassau County project has been authorized and partially funded with construction funds,


but not yet built, it did not qualify for receipt of hurricane damage funds; and

WHEREAS, the present erosion threat is not only to oceanfront homeowners and businesses of Nassau County but also to a principal evacuation route of Nassau County - SR 200/A1A; and

WHEREAS, an existing rock revetment placed along the shorefront after Hurricane Dora in 1964 has become so deteriorated that there is presently neither meaningful nor effective shore protection afforded citizens, citizens' homes, or A1A.

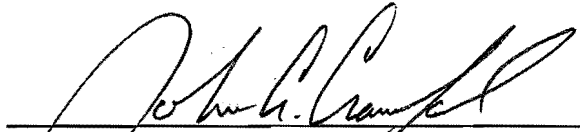
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 9th day of November, 2005, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that an emergency condition is hereby declared for the oceanfront property extending from Sadler Road to the northern city limits of the City of Fernandina Beach; and that the Governor, Cabinet, and the Legislature be called upon to assist Nassau County in its time of need.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA




ANSLEY N. CREE
Its: Chairman

ATTEST:



JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney



MICHAEL S. MULLIN

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