RESOLUTION NO. 2006-153

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES TO REQUIRE ELECTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARDS OF THE FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the State is divided into five (5) Water Management Districts, which were created to manage and improve water quality, water supply, provide flood control and to protect and enhance natural systems through land and water management; and

WHEREAS, each Water Management District is a special taxing district authorized by law to collect ad valorem (property) taxes from landowners located within their multiple county jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, current Florida law provides that the Governing Board for the Water Management Districts consists of members appointed by the Governor who reside in the respective Districts; and
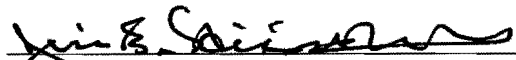
WHEREAS, those Governing Boards are delegated with substantial authority to directly influence local and regional interests including the expenditure of tax dollars assessed against landowners within those districts; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners after consideration of the above factors supports an amendment to the Florida Statute(s) creating the Florida Water Management Districts to provide for electing the Governing Boards rather than appointment of those members by the Governor.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 11th day of October, 2006 by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:
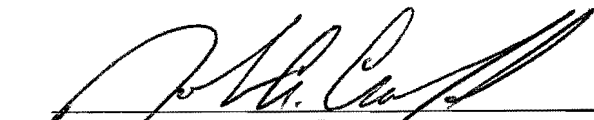
1. The Board hereby resolves and supports amending the Florida Statutes to require election of the Governing Boards of the Florida Water Management Districts.

2. A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Nassau County Legislative Delegation and the Governor of the State of Florida.

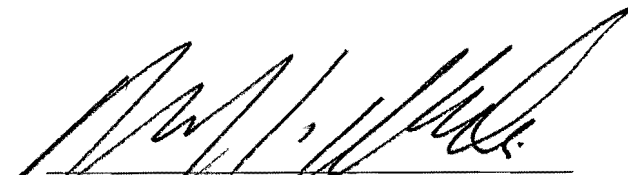BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

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JIM B. HIGGINBOTHAM
Its: Vice Chairman

ATTEST as to Chairman's signature:

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JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney:

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MICHAEL S. MULLIN