## RESOLUTION 2006 - 81

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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS' COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME INITIATIVE.

WHEREAS, The State of Florida has recognized May, 2006 as Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County supports the Florida Department of Elder Affairs' Communities for a Lifetime initiative to make Florida a friendlier place to live for people of all ages, that they may be as independent as long as possible, and remain in their homes and in the communities they love; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has the highest percentage of elders of any state in the nation and our elder population will continue to increase, reaching numbers without precedent in the first part of the XXI Century; and

WHEREAS, in order to allow all residents to maintain their dignity, security and independence, communities must evaluate, assess and modify their infrastructures to create a *Community for a Lifetime*; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County and the Florida Department of Elder Affairs share the vision and responsibility to improve the life of all citizens so they can prepare for and enjoy aging in place throughout their life; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve our mutual goals, cities and counties should begin to build together a place free of physical, emotional and social barriers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this <u>8th</u> day of May, 2006, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that our community will make every effort to first evaluate and later remove barriers to create a BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

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