

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-204

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, WELCOMING THE FALL
2007 SHRINE CEREMONIAL TO NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, the Shrine of North America was created in 1872 as an organization to add a fun side to Masonry with parades, colorful costumes, clowns, cartoon characters and the like to put smiles on children's faces. Today, there are 191 Shrine Centers throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Republic of Panama, with approximately 400,000 members; and

WHEREAS, in 1922 the Shrine of North America created Shriners Hospitals for Children. Today, there are twenty two Shriners Hospitals in North America providing orthopedic, spinal cord, burn, cleft lip and cleft palate care *free of charge*. Shriners Hospitals have cared for over 830,000 children in their history and have an amazing 2007 operating budget of \$749,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Shriners not only provide hospital care, but also provide research on the cutting edge, coming up with new discoveries to improve the conditions treated. Shriners publish educational materials such as how to prevent burn injuries to children. At Shriners Hospitals, there is a child life development program teaching the children

treated how to go out in the world with any handicap they may have; and

WHEREAS, Morocco Shrine Center in Jacksonville is the mother of all Florida, Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina Shrine Centers and has been in existence since 1888. Morocco Shrine Center's territory today covers Ocala north to Fernandina Beach and west to Lake City, Gainesville and Live Oak with a membership of approximately 3800 Shriners; and


WHEREAS, the Fernandina Beach Shrine Club is a member of Morocco Shrine Center and has been serving the Nassau County community since 1944. Hundreds of Nassau County children and families have had the benefit of the care provided at Shriners Hospitals for Children; and

WHEREAS, Morocco Shrine Center has selected Nassau County as the venue for its Fall 2007 Shrine Ceremonial on November 30 and December 1, 2007, wherein new members will be brought into the wonderful Shrine organization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 9th day of November 2007, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

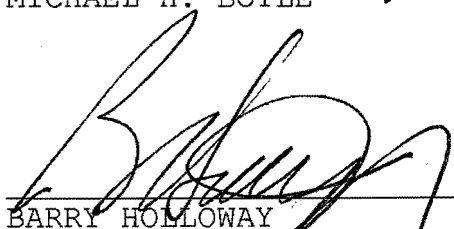
1. The Board does hereby welcome all Shriners and their Ladies to Nassau County, Florida for their Fall 2007 Shrine Ceremonial being held on November 30 and December 1, 2007.
2. The Board does hereby thank the Shriners for the major difference they have made in so many lives.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA


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Its: Chairman


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Attest as to Chairman's
Signature:

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney:


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Its: Ex-Officio Clerk


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