

RESOLUTION NO. 2008- 182

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT THAT REQUIRES STATE LEGISLATORS TO OPERATE UNDER THE SAME SUNSHINE LAW AS COUNTY OFFICIALS.

WHEREAS, Florida's Government-in-the-Sunshine Law enacted in 1967 established a right of access to most meetings of boards, commissions and other governing bodies of state and local governmental agencies; and

WHEREAS, Governor Charlie Crist recently proclaimed March 16-22, 2008, as Sunshine Week for the citizens of the State of Florida and stated "The role of Florida's government is to serve the people of Florida, and open government gives the people the tools they need to hold their elected officials accountable"; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2007, Governor Crist issued Executive Order 01-107, creating the Commission on Open Government Reform to review, evaluate and issue recommendations regarding Florida's public records and public meeting laws; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Open Government will compile its findings and present a final report to the Governor, the Senate President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 31, 2008 to include specific recommendations including proposed legislation, rule changes and modifications, if any, to Article I, Section 24, of the Florida Constitution; and

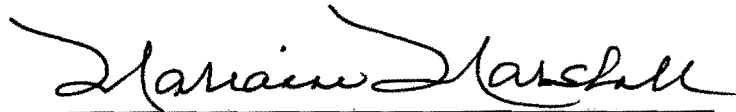
WHEREAS, our counties and municipalities live by this law and insure that government business is conducted in the open for all people to see; and

WHEREAS, all Florida government is better served when all elected officials live in the Sunshine.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 10th day of November, 2008, as follows:


1. The Board urges the Commission on Open Government to propose, and the Governor to support, a constitutional amendment that requires state legislators to operate under the same Sunshine Laws under which county officials operate.
2. The Board directs that a copy of this Resolution be provided to the Chair of the Commission on Open Government, Florida Governor Charlie Crist and all counties in Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA




Marianne Marshall
Its: Chair

Attest as to Chair's Signature:



John A. Crawford
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney:



David A. Hallman