

RESOLUTION NO. 2009- 183

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, OPPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION THAT WOULD FORCE VOTERS TO DECIDE ALL CHANGES TO A CITY OR COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has experienced tremendous growth; and

WHEREAS, the challenges presented by growth require that local governments embrace smart growth policies aimed at protecting our State's quality of life, engendering greater economic prosperity, and equitably planning for the common good; and

WHEREAS, smart growth requires careful planning and direction combined with a clear and effective means of engaging the people's voice; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, believes that elected leaders must always empower citizens and never abandon government's primary responsibility for creating sound public policy; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Hometown Democracy initiative seeks to place a constitutional amendment before Florida's voters to amend Article II, Section 7, of the Florida Constitution, (Title: REFERENDA REQUIRED FOR ADOPTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANS); and

WHEREAS, this amendment constitutes a fundamental abandonment of government's responsibility to represent all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, this amendment will impede progress on smarter growth policies aimed at improving citizen input, enhancing public participation, and engaging every community; and

WHEREAS, this amendment will further disenfranchise millions of Florida's already-fatigued electorate, paralyze local governments and potentially cripple vital public services including crime prevention, transportation improvement and public education; and

WHEREAS, this amendment poses a grave threat to Florida's unique quality of life.

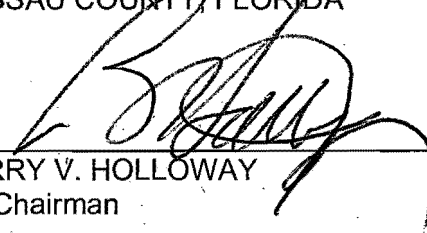
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, having dedicated its own policies to advancing smarter growth recommends defeat of the Florida Hometown Democracy initiative and the proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, urges citizens to vote "NO" on Amendment 4 on the 2010 ballot.

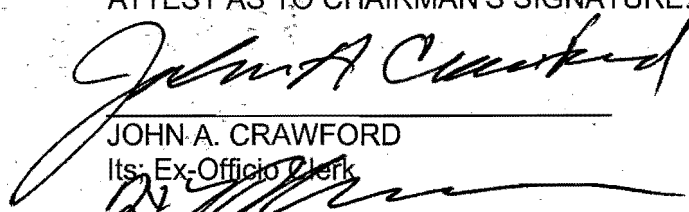
Duly adopted this 28th day of September, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



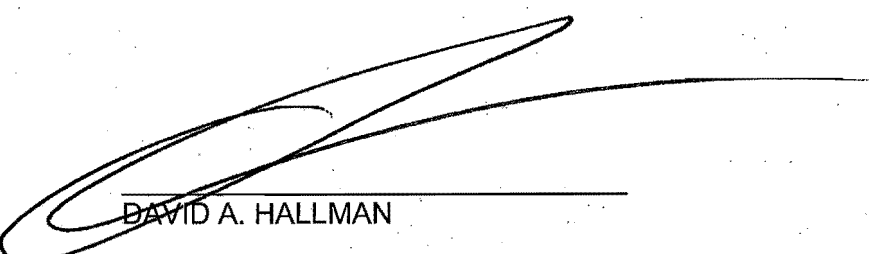
BARRY V. HOLLOWAY
Its: Chairman

ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE:



JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE
NASSAU COUNTY ATTORNEY:



DAVID A. HALLMAN