## RESOLUTION NO. 2009-\_36\_\_

## A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE GULLAH/GEECHEE CULTURAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the U.S. Secretary of the Interior appointed fifteen individuals to serve on the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission for the purpose of developing a general management plan for the coastal communities and the Sea Islands, from Wilmington, North Carolina to Jacksonville, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Act, signed by President George W. Bush in 2006, mandates the development of a management plan to protect Gullah/Geechee culture, lands and waters within the Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission led by Chairman Emory Campbell will visit Florida; and

WHEREAS, this will be the Commission's first visit to Florida as the federally-appointed body works to recognize and sustain an environment that celebrates the legacy and continuing contributions of Gullah/Geechee people to our American Heritage; and

WHEREAS, the meeting will be, in part, an exchange between the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission and educators, preservationists, historians, clergy, community advocates and government officials at all levels in Nassau and Duval Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Commission will tour historic Gullah/Geechee communities, such as American Beach; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, does hereby welcome the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission to Nassau County, Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this <u>18th</u> day of February, 2009 by the Board of Commissioners of Nassau County Florida, as follows:

The Board does hereby welcome the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission to Nassau County, Florida, on February 19 and 20, 2009, for their first quarter meeting of 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Approved as to form by the Nassau County

Attest as to Chairman's signature:

DAVID A. HALLMAN

Attorney: