

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010- 15**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10-16, 2010 AS "NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS " WEEK IN NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**WHEREAS**, the Nassau County Board of Commissioners recognizes the value of preserving Nassau County's unique natural lands and its rare species, and native plant communities and wildlife for this generation and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, Nassau County commits to conserve, utilize and protect the natural resources of the area, including air, water, wetland, estuaries, soils, minerals, vegetative communities, wildlife, wildlife habitat, and other natural and environmental resources in Goal 6.0 of its Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Invasive non-native plants and animals negatively impact native plants, animals, and local agricultural and ecotourism industries by displacing native plant communities, altering hydrologic regimes and the functions of wetlands and waterways, and degrading habitat for native wildlife and the appearance and enjoyment of natural landscapes; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual cost of invasive non-native species to the United States economy is an estimated \$120 billion per year, and the annual cost of impacts and control efforts are estimated at equaling 5% of the world's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida public agencies spend more than 102 million each year on managing invasive species; and

**WHEREAS**, Nassau County is a participating member of the First Coast Invasive Working Group, An organization working across political boundaries to address the threat of invasive species in Northeast Florida.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** this 13th day of January, 2010 that the Board of Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, in regular session, duly assembled, hereby proclaims the second week of January

**"NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS WEEK"**

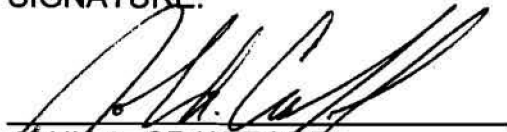
and encourages its citizens to participate in the Great Air Potato Roundup on Saturday, January 16th, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



MICHAEL H. BOYLE  
Its: Chairman

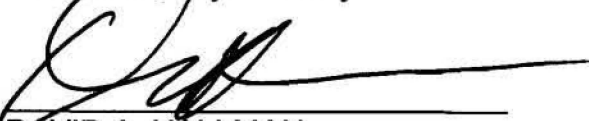
ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S  
SIGNATURE:



JOHN A. CRAWFORD  
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

*ESK 1/13/10*

Approved as to form by the  
Nassau County Attorney:



DAVID A. HALLMAN