

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010- 158**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE STATEWIDE APPLICATION OF NEW SEPTIC TANK INSPECTION AND REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, SB 550, which creates new septic tank maintenance and inspection requirements, was originally intended to affect those properties with septic tanks in close proximity to Florida's springs, but which was changed in the course of the legislative process to cover all properties with septic tanks wherever located within the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, supports the protection of springs and supports strict regulation of septic tanks located close to springs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, does not believe it is appropriate to impose the same strict regulation of septic tanks throughout Nassau County, even to those septic tanks that are far removed from springs and have no impact on them; and

**WHEREAS**, Nassau County is very concerned about the economic impact of such strict regulation of septic tanks where annual inspection fees and septic tank replacement costs can be substantial and will result in an unnecessary burden on homeowners whose septic tanks have no impact on springs; and

**WHEREAS**, the State should be especially cautious about imposing unnecessary burdens on home ownership and home sales during this serious downturn in real estate activity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida as follows:

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida expresses its strong opposition to the implementation of the new septic tank maintenance and inspection requirements outside of springs protection areas.


Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida requests that the Governor and Department of Health delay the implementation of the new septic tank maintenance and inspection requirements until such time as the Legislature has an opportunity to reconsider this ill-advised legislation.

Section 3. Upon adoption, the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Charlie Crist, Governor; to Ana M. Viamonte Ros, M.D., State Surgeon General and head of the Florida Department of Health; and to the County's Legislative Delegation.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

DULY ADOPTED this 20th day of October, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

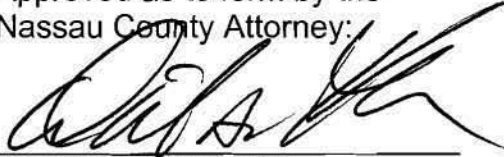
  
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MICHAEL H. BOYLE  
Its: Chairman

ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE:

  
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JOHN A. CRAWFORD

Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney:

  
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DAVID A. HALLMAN

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