## **RESOLUTION NO. 2010- 162**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 7-13, 2010 AS ANIMAL SHELTER APPRECIATION WEEK IN NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, there are more than 142 million cats and dogs living in more than 63 million households across the United States, with 23,700 cats and dogs living in Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, the irresponsibility of some pet owners has resulted in animals running loose and unsupervised, causing a threat to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, indiscriminate breeding allowed by irresponsible pet owners who have not had their companion animals spayed or neutered has contributed to pet overpopulation; and

WHEREAS, animal shelter employees, like police officers and emergency medical personnel, must respond to these community problems and crises; and

WHEREAS, animal shelters act as safe havens for homeless and abused animals, providing them with comfort and care; and

WHEREAS, animal shelters help both animals and people in many ways: by returning lost pets to their owners, enforcing animal control laws, rescuing injured animals, educating the public, and matching up families with new animal companions; and

WHEREAS, the work of animal shelters and the important services they provide often go unnoticed and underappreciated by the citizens; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Nassau County Animal Services, Cats Angels, Nassau Humane Society and Rescuing Animals in Nassau (RAIN), Humane Society, SPCA, for providing lifesaving services to animals and people in our community for their invaluable contribution in caring for lost and homeless animals and promoting a true spirit of kindness and consideration for animals in the minds and hearts of all people.

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

The week of November 7-13, 2010 is proclaimed as Animal Shelter Appreciation Week in Nassau County, Florida.

DULY ADOPTED this 8t1	a day of	November	, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

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MICHAEL H. BOYLE
Its: Chairman

STACY T. JOHNSON

WALTER J. BOATWRIGHT

Attest as to Chairman's Signature:

Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney:

DAVID A. HALLMAN