

**RESOLUTION 2010 - 79**

A RESOLUTION HONORING DR. MARY S. WILLIAMS ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY (30) OUTSTANDING YEARS WITH THE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Dr. Mary S. Williams began her employment with Nassau County on April 11, 1980; as County 4H/Home Economics Agent; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mary S. Williams was appointed to her current position of Nassau County Cooperative Extension Service Director on October 1, 1988; and continued in that position for 22 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mary S. Williams was the first student admitted as a Doctoral candidate at the University of North Florida and earned her Doctorate degree on May 6, 1994; and used skills gained in her studies to mentor both volunteers and professionals in Nassau County, throughout the State of Florida and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Nassau County Cooperative Extension Service is to "provide research-based information to county residents in Agriculture, Environmental Horticulture, Family and Community Sciences, 4-H Youth Development, and Community Development to improve the social, environmental, and economic quality of life for the residents of Nassau County"; and during her tenure as Nassau County Extension Director Dr. Williams added three

(3) Extension Agent positions to the Nassau County Extension Service. These accomplishments have provided solutions to local problems and issues related to Extension program areas throughout Nassau County and the region; and

WHEREAS, through the leadership of Dr. Mary S. Williams, in order to expand the reach of educational programs to assist the residents of Nassau County and to improve their lives, she added an eastside Extension Office in the Yulee area providing solutions to local problems and issues related to the various program areas provided through the Nassau County Extension Service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mary S. Williams is hereby commended for her leadership and commitment to the youth and adults of the county; and for representing Nassau County and Florida serving on the Board of the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents for seven (7) years, including her term as President from 2005-2006. Dr. Williams is also commended for her appointment by the United States Department of Agriculture as Project Leader for the National Learning Priorities from 2007-2009, chairing a team of specialists from Land-Grant Universities across the nation, creating professional development resources for 4-H faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mary S. Williams has announced her retirement effective April 30, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 12th day of April, 2010, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, as follows:

1. The Board hereby acknowledges and honors Dr. Mary S. Williams for her thirty (30) years of outstanding dedicated service to the citizens of Nassau County.

2. The Board acknowledges her outstanding service to the Board of County Commissioners as well as those who have had the privilege to work with her.

3. The Board, on behalf of all of the citizens of Nassau County, extends their sincere appreciation to Dr. Mary S. Williams for all that she has done to make this a great County.

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NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



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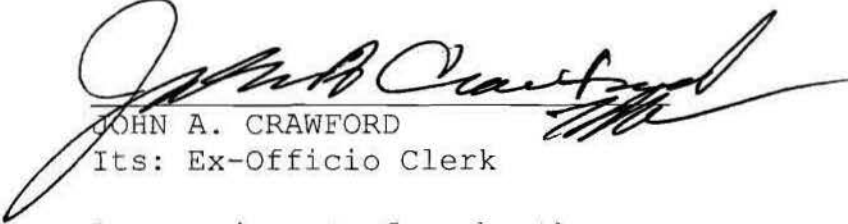


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ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S  
SIGNATURE:



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Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the  
Nassau County Attorney



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