RESOLUTION NO. 2010-98

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING MAY 31, 2010 AS WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY

WHEREAS, May 31 every year has been set aside by the Member States of the World Health Organization to be World No Tobacco Day; and

WHEREAS, more than 82.6% of all Floridians do not smoke; and

WHEREAS, according to the Florida Youth Tobacco Survey roughly 30% of Nassau County's youth has tried tobacco in the last thirty days; and

WHEREAS, 369,000 of Florida's children who are using tobacco today will ultimately die from tobacco use; and

WHEREAS, caridy flavored tobacco is being used as a marketing ploy by tobacco companies to capture the youth market in Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke contains a complex mixture of more than 4,000 chemicals, more than 60 of which can cause cancer; and

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke is associated with an increased risk for lung cancer and coronary heart disease in non-smoking adults; and

WHEREAS, in Florida, approximately 4,000 children and adults die each year from the effects of exposure to secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS, increasing the tax on tobacco products is a proven method to prevent youth from initiating tobacco use and promote cessation among current smokers.

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

Monday, May 31, 2010 is proclaimed as World No Tobacco Day to help educate the public about the need to protect Nassau County youth and citizens from further damage caused by tobacco industry tactics, tobacco use and secondhand smoke.

DULY ADOPTED this 24th day of May, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

MICHAEL H. BOYLE

Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's signature:

OHM A. CRAWFORD

Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney:

DAVID A. HALLMAN