RESOLUTION NO. 2011- 166

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COUNTY. COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU FLORIDA. WAIVING THE ANNUAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENT FOR LAND CLASSIFIED AGRICULTURAL PREVIOUS YEAR AND WHOSE OWNERSHIP AND USE HAS CHANGED: PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY: PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS: AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 193.461(3)(a), Florida Statutes, authorizes a county, at the request of the property appraiser, to waive the annual application requirement for agricultural classification after an initial application is made and the classification granted; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Property Appraiser (the "Property Appraiser") has requested the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") of Nassau County (the "County") to approve the waiver of the annual application requirement in an effort to promote greater government efficiency, and to save taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the possibility of fraudulent classifications that may occur due to the waiver of the annual application requirement and determined, based upon advice of the Property Appraiser, that the risk is minimal, given the Property Appraiser's audit process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, AS FOLLOWS:

- **SECTION 1. WAIVER OF ANNUAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENT.** The Board hereby waives the requirement that an annual application be made for classification of property within the county as agricultural, after an initial application is made and the agricultural classification granted by the property appraiser; provided however, that the foregoing waiver shall not apply to land whose ownership or use has changed from the previous year.
- **SECTION 2. CONFLICTS**. Any resolution or other action of the Board of Supervisors in conflict with this Resolution, or any part hereof, is hereby repealed or superseded to the extent of such conflict.
- **SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY**. If any portion of this Resolution is for any reason held or declared to be unconstitutional, inoperative or void, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of this Resolution. If this Resolution or any provision thereof shall be held to be inapplicable to any person, property or circumstances, such holding shall not affect its applicability to any other person, property or circumstances.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED this 24th day of October 2011.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

Walter J. Boatright

Its: Chairman

ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE:

John A. Crawford

Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney:

David A. Hallman