

**RESOLUTION 2012 - 110**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES OF  
NORTH FLORIDA CONTINUING TO SERVE AS THE COMMUNITY-  
BASED CARE LEAD AGENCY FOR FOSTER CARE, ADOPTION AND  
FAMILY PRESERVATION IN NASSAU COUNTY.**

**WHEREAS**, on August 17, 2012, statewide adoption data was released by the Department of Children and Families showing that Family Support Services of North Florida ("FSS") is ranked in first place in the state for adoptions of foster children in fiscal year 2011-2012, having successfully placed 318 foster children in permanent homes through adoption; one in ten children adopted from foster care in Florida in 2011-2012 were adopted through Family Support Services of North Florida, making Family Support Services of North Florida the No. 1 community-based care agency in Florida for adoptions last fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, for five years, FSS has successfully protected children in our community that have been or are at risk for abuse and/or neglect and has strengthened local families; and

**WHEREAS**, FSS has improved the child welfare system and strengthened the well-being of children and families, including: reducing the number of children in out-of-home foster care by a sustained 58 percent; strengthened medical, mental health and dental care for children in care; developed a thorough Quality Assurance program to ensure the best quality of care for our children and provides enrichment programs and events to bring normalcy and enlightenment to children in care; and

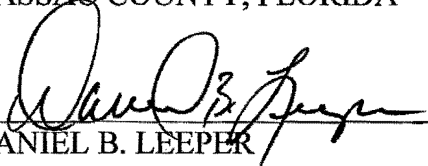
**WHEREAS**, since fiscal year 2007, FSS has increased the number of local families and children served through family preservation programs, thereby helping to stabilize the families, enabling them to be self-sufficient and preventing the children from entering foster care; and

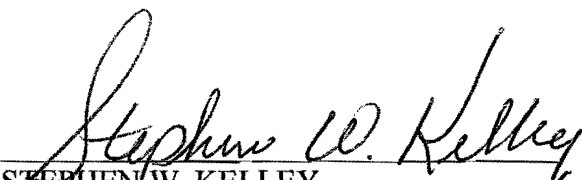
**WHEREAS**, FSS has been thoroughly engaged in serving and improving the Nassau community and has established strong enduring partnerships within the community including with the Nassau County Libraries, Schools and School Board, Sheriff's Office, United Way of Northeast Florida, Amelia Island-Fernandina Beach-Yulee Chamber of Commerce, faith-based organizations and a multitude of local non-profit organizations and the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners; and

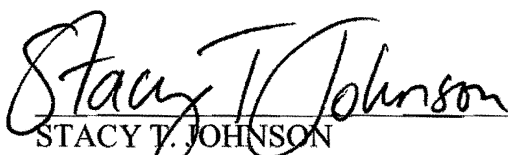
**WHEREAS**, the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners is fully supportive of Family Support Services of North Florida as the local community-based care agency providing foster care, adoption and family preservation services in Nassau County; and

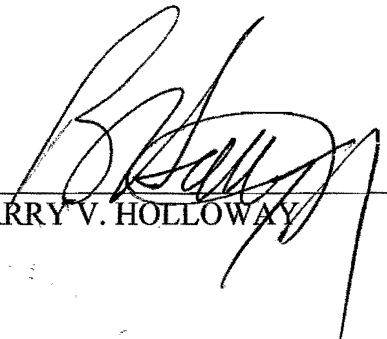
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 10th day of September, 2012, that the Board hereby endorses and supports Family Support Services of North Florida as the local community-based care agency to continue serving this community with its successful, innovative and highly regarded child welfare operations that ensure child safety, ongoing improvements to child welfare with community focus and involvement.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

  
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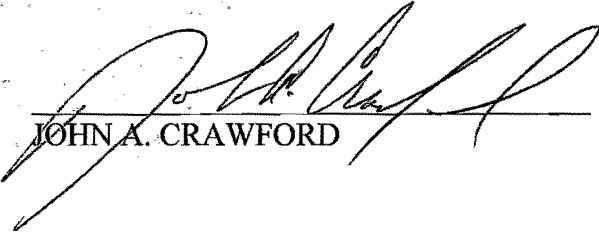
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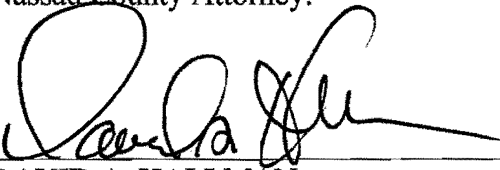
ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE



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JOHN A. CRAWFORD

Approved as to form by the  
Nassau County Attorney:



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DAVID A. HALLMAN