

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 128

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA CELEBRATING THE 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE MORRILL ACT ESTABLISHING THE AMERICAN LAND-GRANT SYSTEM AND THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA AS FLORIDA'S 1862 LAND-GRANT UNIVERSITY.**

**WHEREAS**, 150 years ago on July 2, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed into law the Morrill Act, which created a nationwide network of public universities known as land-grant universities; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida was the university designated to be the State of Florida's 1862 land-grant university; and

**WHEREAS**, land-grant universities democratized higher education in America and initially provided for the teaching of agriculture science, engineering, and military tactics to improve the quality of American education in these subjects; and

**WHEREAS**, in its role as a land-grant institution, the University of Florida has provided leadership in helping the United States produce the safest and most plentiful food supply on earth; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida faculty members have made significant strides in establishing and advancing the agricultural and natural resources sector of Florida's second-largest industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida has made a tremendous impact on the lives of Floridians through its core land-grant mission of research, teaching, and outreach; and

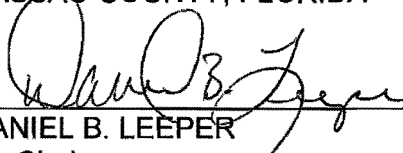
**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) is a federal, state, and county partnership dedicated to developing knowledge of agriculture, human and natural resources, and the life sciences and sharing it with Florida's citizenry; and

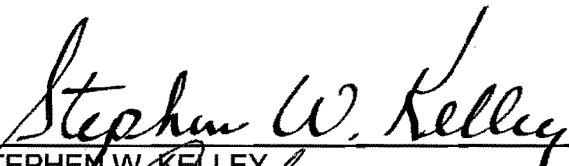
**WHEREAS**, this shared scientific knowledge and expertise enriches lives and enhances the state's economic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 2, 2012, Florida residents, along with millions of other Americans, will have benefited from 150 years of the land-grant vision.

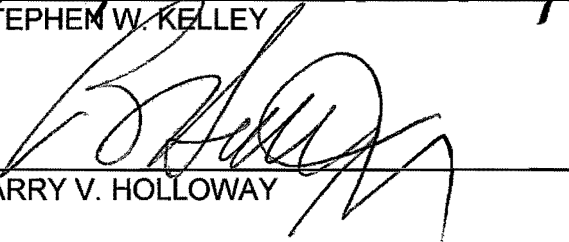
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 17th day of October, 2012, that Nassau County hereby extends greetings and best wishes to all commemorating this 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Morrill Act.

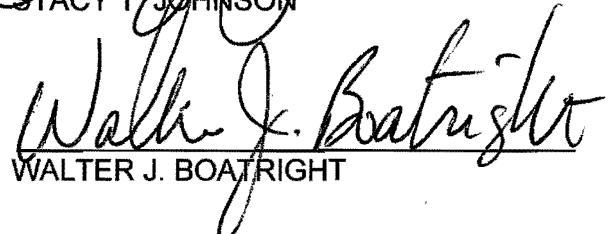
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NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

  
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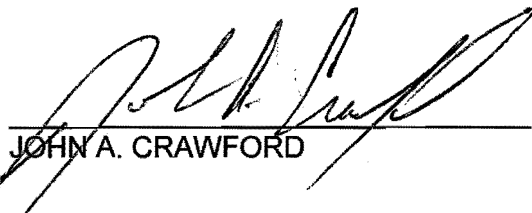
  
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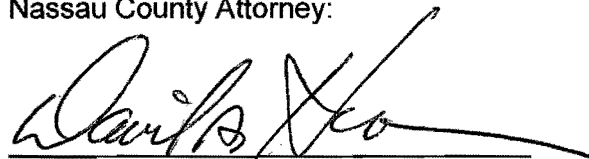
  
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ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE:

  
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JOHN A. CRAWFORD

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Nassau County Attorney:

  
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