

RESOLUTION NO. 2012- 56

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, URGING GOVERNOR SCOTT TO VETO H.B.
5301, AN UNFUNDED MANDATE THAT WILL PASS DOWN THE COSTS OF
DISPUTED AND INACCURATE MEDICAID BILLS TO LOCAL TAXPAYERS .**

WHEREAS, Nassau County is committed to the careful stewardship of taxpayer dollars;
and

WHEREAS, Nassau County is dedicated to protecting local taxpayers from ways, means, policies and devices that would burden our communities with demonstrably inaccurate bills and costs; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Constitution and Florida Statutes have given Nassau County and its leadership limited revenue sources to protect the health, safety and welfare of Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has from time to time for its own purposes adopted State regulations that require local governments to spend funds or take actions requiring the expenditure of funds without providing an associated funding source; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recently passed House Bill 5301, which would compel Florida's local taxpayers to pay for Medicaid costs dating back as far as 10 years, even when those costs are demonstrably inaccurate; and

WHEREAS, H.B. 5301 would codify a billing system that is widely acknowledged to be deeply flawed and systemically problematic; and

WHEREAS, H.B. 5301 would leave local taxpayers squarely responsible for the costs of disputed, inaccurate and redundant Medicaid bills; and

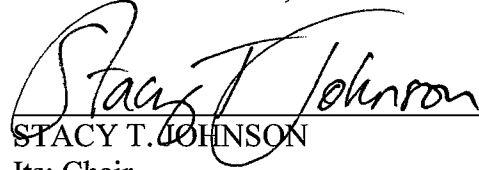
WHEREAS, in the spirit of home rule and efficient government, the Florida Association of Counties is urging Governor Scott to veto H.B. 5301.

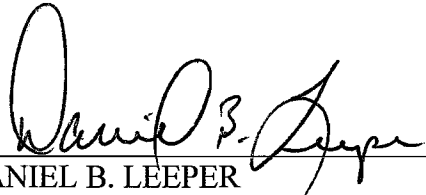
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 21st day of March, 2012, that the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that:

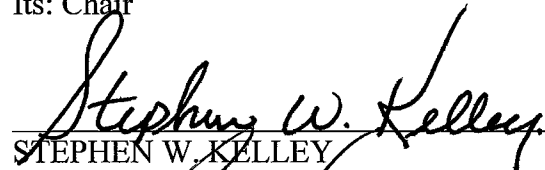
1. The protection of local taxpayers from unfunded mandates is of critical importance to the sound fiscal management and quality-of-life of Nassau County; and
2. The Nassau County Board of County Commissioners considers H.B. 5301 to be a deeply flawed measure, undeniably harmful to local taxpayers and indisputably a violation of the principle of home rule; and


3. The Nassau County Board of County Commissioners urges Governor Rick Scott to veto H.B. 5301 in the interest of sane, sensible and efficient government.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA


STACY T. JOHNSON
Its: Chair

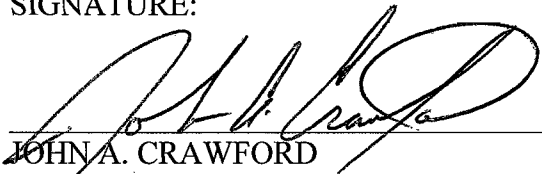

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SIGNATURE:


JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
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