

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-142**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING ASSISTANCE OF THE NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION FOR THE INTRODUCTION AND PASSAGE OF A LOCAL BILL TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED LOAD WEIGHT LIMIT ON BREAK-BULK SHIPPING THROUGH THE PORT OF FERNANDINA, FROM 95,000 POUNDS TO 100,000 POUNDS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ocean Highway and Port Authority of Nassau County has adopted Resolution No. 2013-8 requesting assistance of the Nassau County, Florida, Legislative Delegation for the introduction and passage of a local bill to increase the maximum permitted load weight limit on break-bulk shipping through the Port of Fernandina from 95,000 pounds to 100,000 pounds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ocean Highway and Port Authority is obligated to engage in planning for the future of the Port of Fernandina and for the construction, erection and maintenance of facilities to meet present and future customer needs in the economic and efficient movement of freight; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ocean Highway and Port Authority has requested that the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, adopt a similar resolution in seeking assistance from the Nassau County Legislative Delegation for the introduction and passage of a local bill to increase the maximum permitted load weight limit on break-bulk shipping through the port of Fernandina, from 95,000 pounds to 100,000 pounds; and

**WHEREAS**, there currently exists an artificial and inconsistent limitation on the movement of break-bulk freight, to-wit:

- a. Break-bulk freight is subject to a 95,000 pound weight limitation on the transportation of break-bulk export shipping on roads in Nassau County, Florida;
- b. This 95,000 pound weight limitation is less than the currently permitted weight on containerized freight passing on the same roads in Nassau County, Florida; and
- c. This 95,000 pound weight limitation is less than the weight limitation on the same type of freight coming across the state line from Georgia.


**WHEREAS**, as a result of this inconsistent and unnecessary restriction, the existing weight limitation on break-bulk freight on the roads of the State of Florida creates an economic barrier to the flow of export break-bulk goods and freight to and from the State of Florida through the Port of Fernandina.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA THAT:**

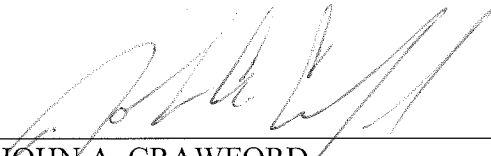
1. The Legislative Delegation of Nassau County, Florida, is hereby requested to introduce and use all due diligence to pass a local bill removing the above described economic barrier and place the Port of Fernandina on an equal and level economic plane with its competitors for break-bulk shipping, by an increase of the weight limitation for break-bulk freight, moving upon the highways, roads, and streets of Nassau County, Florida, from 95,000 pounds to 100,000 pounds.
2. The Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby respectfully requested to send a copy of this resolution to the members of the Nassau County Legislative Delegation.
3. This resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

**DULY ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

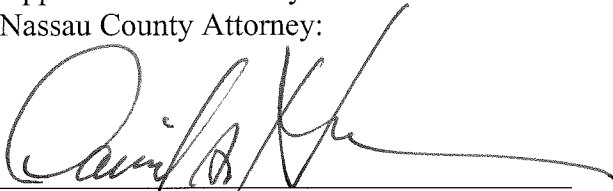
  
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DANIEL B. LEEPER  
Its: Chairman

ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S  
SIGNATURE:

  
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JOHN A. CRAWFORD  
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

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Approved as to form by the  
Nassau County Attorney:

  
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DAVID A. HALLMAN