RESOLUTION NO. 2013 - 28

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE 2013 UPDATE TO ITS STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN; PLEDGING SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION AND THE COMMON POLICY FRAMEWORK PROVIDED BY THE UPDATED STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) was formed on February 14, 1977 by and between Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns Counties through an Interlocal Agreement pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969, Section 163.01 Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement creating the NEFRC states, in part, that the purpose of the NEFRC and Florida Regional Councils in general is to provide for "...areawide coordination and related cooperative activities of federal, state, and local governments and ensure a broad-based regional organization that can provide a truly regional perspective enhancing the ability and opportunity of local governments to resolve issues and problems transcending their individual boundaries"; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Regional Planning Council Act, Section 186.501-186.513, Florida Statutes states, in part, "There is a need for the establishment at the regional level of clear policy plans that will guide broad-based representative regional planning agencies as they undertake regional review functions" and provide for the creation of Strategic Regional Policy Plans (SRPP); and

WHEREAS, the NEFRC began the process of updating its SRPP in May 2009 with Reality Check First Coast, County Checks and Generations Check, followed by the creation of First Coast Vision through the Regional Community Institute in 2011; and

WHEREAS, through the process leading up to the adoption of the updated SRPP, the NEFRC has engaged thousands of citizens in Northeast Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the NEFRC has directed that the update to the SRPP will be less directive and more supportive of the individual efforts of the Region's local governments in meeting the broad policy framework of the SRPP; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Florida is an increasingly interconnected and interdependent Region where activities undertaken in any single jurisdiction have Region-wide effects; and

WHEREAS, Local Governments in Northeast Florida recognize that we are stronger collectively than individually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this <u>25th</u> day of <u>March</u>, 2013, that Nassau County declares its support to Regional cooperation and further declares its support of a common policy framework as contained in the NEFRC's draft update to its SRPP while maintaining its rights under Sections 120.54 and 120.56, Florida Statutes.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

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