RESOLUTION NO. 2014-003

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING THE CANDIDACY OF COMMISSIONER BRYAN DESLOGE FOR 2nd VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES.

WHEREAS, Florida is the 4th largest state in the nation representing more than 19 million people in 67 counties; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) helps counties effectively serve and represent Floridians by strengthening and preserving county home rule through advocacy, education and collaboration. For more than 80 years, the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) has represented the diverse interests of Florida's counties, emphasizing the importance of protecting home rule – the concept that communities and their local leaders should make the decisions that impact their community; and

WHEREAS, FAC is the only association representing Florida's counties – bringing together the collective experience and knowledge of 377 county commissioners and supported by thousands of county professional staff. FAC provides the cohesive platform that enables county officials and staff to speak with a unified voice on behalf of all Floridians. Through FAC, counties are better able to serve not only their communities, but the entire state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Leon County Commissioner Bryan Desloge has faithfully served on the Leon County Board of County Commissioners for seven years representing the citizens in District 4 as well as all of the citizens of Leon County; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Desloge also currently serves as the President of the Florida Association of Counties and previously served as President-Elect, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and a policy chairman of the Florida Association of Counties; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Desloge has also faithfully served on the National Association of Counties Board of Directors for two terms; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo provides essential services to the nation's 3,069 counties. NACo advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public's understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money; and

WHEREAS, in August 2006, NACo was named one of nine remarkable associations in the United States after a four-year study conducted by the American Society of Association Executives and The Center for Association Leadership because of its commitment to members and purpose; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Desloge is committed to bringing civility and unity back into public service to increase opportunities for taxpayers. His passion has led him to join with others in the creation and development of the Village Square, and further encourages every county in Florida to endorse the candidacy of Commissioner Desloge but to also commit to attend the National Association of Counties Annual Conference in July 2014 so that all of Florida's 67 counties can place their vote to elect Commissioner Desloge 2nd Vice president of the National Association of Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

The Board of County Commissioners endorses the candidacy of Commissioner Section 1. Bryan Desloge for 2nd Vice President of the National Association of Counties.

This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption. Section 2.

DULY ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida in regular session this 13th day of January, 2014.

PAT EDWARDS

Attest as to Chairman's signature:

A. CRAWFORD Ex-Officio Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA BARRY V. HOLLOWAY Its: Chairman I. KELLEY ŔΟΑ

Approved as to form by the Nassau County

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