RESOLUTION NO. 2014-68

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2014 AS CIVILITY MONTH

WHEREAS, the open exchange of public discourse is essential to the democratic system of government; and

WHEREAS, as a cornerstone of democracy, Americans have observed certain rules of behavior generally known as civility; and

WHEREAS, civility, derived from the Latin words "civitas" meaning city and "civis"

meaning citizen, is behavior worthy of citizens living in a community or in common with others; and

WHEREAS, displays of anger, rudeness, ridicule, impatience, and a lack of respect and personal attacks detract from the open exchange of ideas, prevent fair discussion of the issues, and can discourage individuals from participation in government; and

WHEREAS, civility can assist in reaching consensus on diverse issues and allow for mutually respectful ongoing relationships; and

WHEREAS, civility can uplift our daily life and make it more pleasant to live in an organized society; and

WHEREAS, the City, County and Local Government Law Section of The Florida Bar urges the adoption of a pledge of civility by all citizens in the State of Florida.

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

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The month of May 2014 is hereby proclaimed as Civility Month in Nassau County.

The Board calls upon all citizens to exercise civility toward each other.

DULY ADOPTED this <u>16th</u> day of <u>Apri1</u>, 2014.

DANIEL B. LEEPER

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

BARRY V. HOLL Its: Chairman

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ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE:

AOHNA. CRAWFORD

Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney;

DAVID A. HALĽMAN