

RESOLUTION NO. 2015 - 22

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL
2015 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH.**

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every community member of Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community as seen by statistics indicating that one in five women and one in seventy-one men will be raped at some point in their lives (Black et al., 2011); and

WHEREAS, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before the age of 18 (Dube et al., 2005); and

WHEREAS, young people experience heightened rates of sexual violence, and youth ages 12-17 were 2.5 times as likely to be victims of rape or sexual assault (Snyder & Sickmund, 2006); and

WHEREAS, we must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and

WHEREAS, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is evidence that we can be successful in preventing sexual violence in Nassau County through increased education, awareness, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners and of every citizen, to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual violence. It's time for all of us to start conversations, take appropriate action and support one another to create a safer environment for us all.

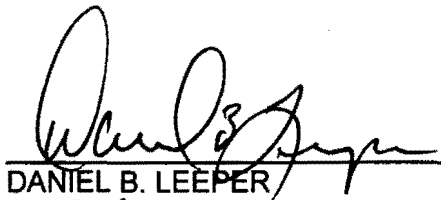
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 23rd day of March, 2015, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

1. April 2015 is hereby declared as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Nassau County, Florida.
2. The Board hereby joins advocates and communities across the nation, the United States Government, and the State of Florida in playing an active role in preventing sexual violence.

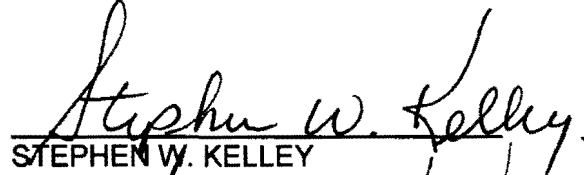
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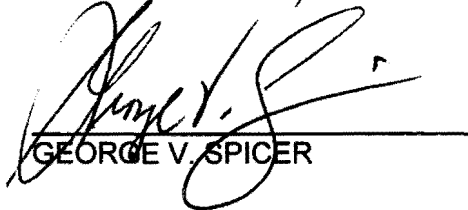
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Its: Chairman



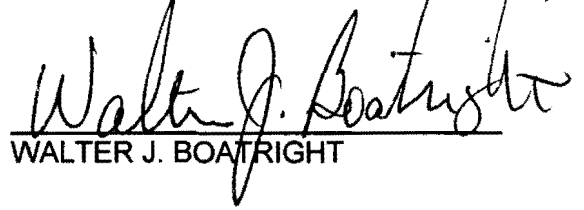
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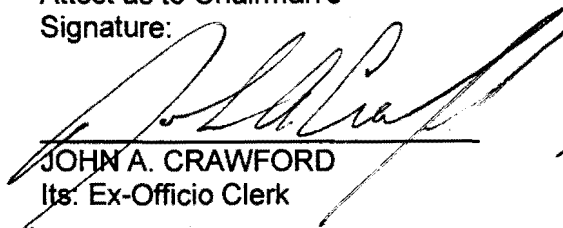


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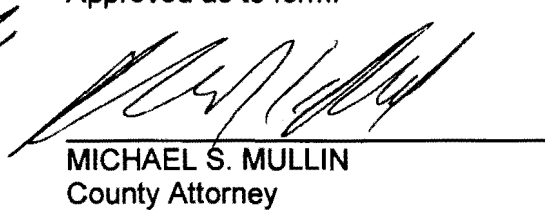
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Attest as to Chairman's
Signature:



JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form:



MICHAEL S. MULLIN
County Attorney