

RESOLUTION 2016 - 115

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA'S AGRICULTURE EDUCATION AND PROMOTION FACILITY REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO ASSIST WITH CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW COUNTY EXTENSION FACILITY.

WHEREAS, Nassau County Extension serves all Nassau County residents by providing programs involving Horticulture, Agriculture, 4-H Youth Development and Family Consumer Science; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County Cooperative Extension needs an additional large meeting space and a teaching kitchen for certificate programs such as ServSafe®, Multi-County Master Gardeners, and Multi-County Master Food Educators because the current building space does not have a teaching kitchen and large group meeting space to completely supply the needs of the Nassau County Extension agents, staff and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Nassau County Cooperative Extension Service is to "provide research-based information to county residents in Agriculture, Environmental Horticulture, Family and Community Sciences, 4-H Youth Development, and Natural Resources to improve the social, environmental, and economic quality of life for the residents of Nassau County"; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County Cooperative Extension provides solutions to local problems and issues related to the various program areas to every resident of Nassau County regardless of race, creed or religion. Having one local building, with sufficient meeting space and a demonstration kitchen would improve cost efficiency, time management of agents and staff and improve educational functions.

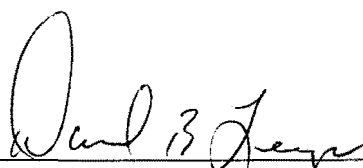
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 17th day of August, 2016 that:

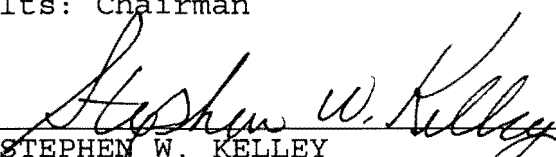
1. The Board hereby acknowledges the importance of The University of Florida/IFAS Extension Office in Nassau County.
2. The Board supports the University of Florida's request for State Funding from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for an Agriculture Education and Promotion Facility Request for funding to assist with costs to construct a new facility and verifies that the new facility will greatly benefit the citizens of Nassau County.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA


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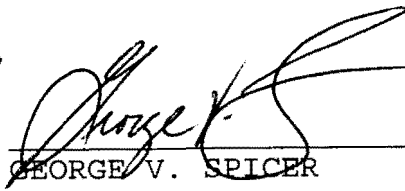
Its: Chairman


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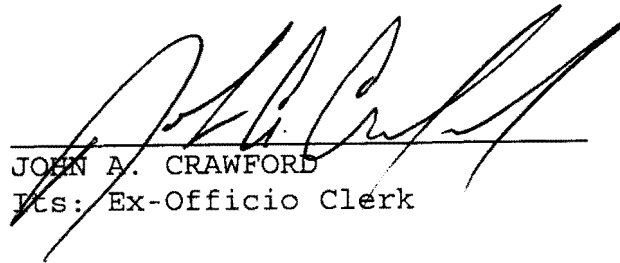


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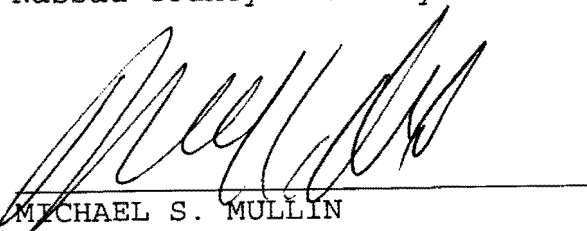
GEORGE V. SPICER

ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S
SIGNATURE:



JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Ets: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney



MICHAEL S. MULLIN