RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 144

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMELIA ISLAND-FERNANDINA BEACH-YULEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Whereas, in 1784, only 8 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the idea for the formation of chambers of commerce in the United States originated; and

WHEREAS, two years later, the first chamber was organized, and in 1956, the Amelia Island-Fernandina Beach-Yulee Chamber of Commerce was established and hence providing 60 years of service to Nassau County businesses, as well as the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the mission of this Chamber is to sustain a favorable business climate that enables existing and new businesses to prosper by providing leadership that aggressively promotes responsible economic growth, employment opportunities, responsible government, excellence in education, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, to maintain Amelia Island as a tourist destination, the Chamber provides information for tourists relating to lodging, shopping, transportation, and restaurants; and

WHEREAS, The Chamber sponsors over 75 events each year including seminars, workshops, general-membership meetings, and supports business start-ups and offers valuable assistance to businesses; and

WHEREAS, from humble beginnings of seven business people, The Chamber has grown to over 700 members. The Chamber was the original sponsor of the Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival, was awarded the "Florida Chamber of Commerce of the Year"

award in 2007, and originated and sponsors "Leadership Nassau", an ongoing community leadership training program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 19th day of October, 2016, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

- 1. The Board hereby commemorates the 60th Anniversary of the Amelia Island-Fernandina Beach-Yulee Chamber of Commerce.
- 2. The Board recognizes The Chamber as a significant and influential proponent of the free enterprise in Nassau County and honors it as the organization which "does the things that most people think just happen".

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NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

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