RESOLUTION NO. 2016-151

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA BANNING MOTOR VEHICLES ON THE UNINCORPORATED BEACH AREAS FROM THE SOUTHERN LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH AS DELINEATED BY SIGNS ON THE BEACH SOUTH TO THE BOUNDARY OF THE STATE PARK ON THE SOUTH END OF AMELIA ISLAND, PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY REGARDING HURRICANE MATTHEW

WHEREAS, the County's Emergency Management Director has advised the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida that there is extensive debris created by Hurricane Matthew washing ashore on the beaches of the unincorporated areas from the southern limits of the City of Fernandina Beach as delineated by signs on the beach south to the boundary of the state park of the southend of the island; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Director has indicated that the debris poses a safety hazard for vehicles utilizing the beach areas and further that the extent of the debris is such that it is forcing drivers to invade the dune systems, creating safety issues for citizens on the beach and damaging the dune structure; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Director, based on his observations, recommends for the protection of the citizens that the Board impose a temporary driving ban on the beaches within the unincorporated areas from the southern limits of the City of Fernandina Beach as delineated by signs on the beach south to the boundary of the state park of the southend; and

WHEREAS, a motion was made and passed to enact the driving ban for the protection of the citizens utilizing the beaches until midnight on October 25, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the motion included the authority for the Chairman to execute this resolution.

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

 Based upon the testimony of the Emergency Management Director, and pursuant to the emergency declaration, motor vehicles are banned from utilizing the beach areas within the unincorporated areas from the southern limits of the City of Fernandina Beach as delineated by signs on the beach south to the boundary of the state park of the southend of the island effective October 19, 2016 at 5:00 pm and continuing until midnight on October 25, 2016, unless extended; and

- 2. The ban does not apply to emergency management vehicles and turtle patrol vehicles including any and all law enforcement vehicles.
- 3. The Sheriff of Nassau County is authorized to use whatever is necessary to enforce the ban.
- 4. Any person violating the ban will be asked to leave the beach area and a failure to leave the beach area will be considered a trespass pursuant to Florida Statutes and a law enforcement officer shall utilize the appropriate remedy.
- 5. Copies of this Resolution shall be sent to the Sheriff of Nassau County, Florida Marine Patrol, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, southend State Park supervisor, the media, SAISSA Board of Trustees c/o William R. Moore, Omni Amelia Island Plantation and Ritz Carlton Amelia Island.

DULY ADOPTED this 19th day of October, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

Its: Chairman

ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE:

JOHN/A. CRAWFORD

Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE NASSAU COUNTY ATTORNEY:

MICHAEL S. MÚĽLIN