RESOLUTION NO. 2016-__154

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, REGARDING DEBRIS REMOVAL, PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY AS A RESULT OF HURRICANE MATTHEW

WHEREAS, as a result of Hurricane Matthew, debris floating up on the Atlantic Ocean beaches in the incorporated and unincorporated areas on Amelia Island poses a safety risk for the citizens who utilize the beaches; and

WHEREAS, part of the debris includes portions of docks with nails and boards, large trees, and various lumber materials, including extreme amounts of vegetation washing up; and

WHEREAS, the County has imposed a driving moratorium for the unincorporated portions of the beach because of the limited ability to drive on the beach due to the debris; and

WHEREAS, the incorporated and unincorporated sections of the beach are normally heavily utilized by the citizens and tourists; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that pursuant to the emergency that the removal of the debris is necessary for the protection of the safety of the beach goers; and

WHEREAS, the Tourist Development Council, with the approval of the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, has established a reserve fund to address beach issues of the type described herein; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, on October 4, 2016 declared an emergency and has continued that emergency until November 1, 2016, subject to further continuance.

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

1. The Board finds it is in the best interest of the citizens that there be immediate debris removal

from portions of the Atlantic Ocean beaches from Fort Clinch State Park to the Amelia Island

State Park on the south end of the island.

2. That all efforts be made, pursuant to the Emergency Declaration, to secure a qualified beach

cleaning company to address the safety issues.

3. The appropriate TDC funds be utilized for payment of a contractor to address the debris

removal. Any and all funds that are reimbursed by the state or federal government to the City

of Fernandina Beach or Nassau County shall be returned to the TDC reserve fund.

4. The County Manager, in consultation with the County Attorney and Emergency Management

Director, negotiate and retain a qualified contractor to perform the work.

5. The County Manager, the County Attorney and the Emergency Management Director shall

determine the areas of the beach that can be legally addressed and advise the City Commission

and the County Commission accordingly.

6. The County Manager, after the determination addressed in Paragraph 5, shall consult with the

City Manager and assess and determine the immediate areas of the beach to be addressed and

the balance of the beach areas to be addressed.

7. Reports shall be made by the County Manager or his designee to the County Commission and

the City Commission as to debris removal.

DULY ADOPTED this **25** day of October, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NASSĄU COUNTY, FLORIDA

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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. MULLEN