

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 -24

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING MARCH 2017 AS "TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN MONTH".

WHEREAS, Take Stock in Children of Nassau County, Inc., makes a difference in the lives of our community's most academically talented, low income students and since 1997 has succeeded in its mission to "Keep the Promise" to provide scholarships, mentors, and hope for a promising future; and

WHEREAS, Take Stock in Children is celebrating its 20th year of service in Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, Take Stock in Children has provided mentoring in high school and college scholarships to more than 500 of Nassau County's young citizens throughout its history in the county; and

WHEREAS, Take Stock in Children has provided volunteer adult mentors for all of these students in their public school careers and provided professional college success coaches in eight (8) Nassau County schools; and

WHEREAS, the Take Stock in Children Program is not only innovative and transformative, it promotes high expectations and accountability among all participants; and

WHEREAS, Take Stock in Children requires each student to sign a contract promising to abide by the program's rules to stay in school, maintain good grades, attend regular weekly meetings with their mentor, stay drug and crime free, and exhibit good citizenship in order to attain a fully paid college tuition scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Take Stock in Children currently serves 137 Nassau County school children in pre-college work in our local schools; and

WHEREAS, 135 Nassau County young men and women are currently in college with tuition paid fully by Take Stock in Children; and

WHEREAS, Take Stock in Children is a fully-recognized and tax-exempt charitable enterprise in Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, Take Stock in Children has been raising funds in Nassau County for each of these twenty (20) years to support 100% high school graduation rates and provide free college tuition for children in low-income homes; and

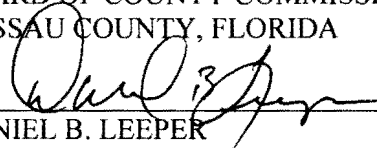
WHEREAS, all college scholarship funds raised by Take Stock in Children are matched by the State of Florida so the value of local scholarship donations is 200%; and

WHEREAS, Take Stock in Children is working diligently to increase its funding and support for low-income children, until all who are academically and financially eligible can be served.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 27th day of February, 2017, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

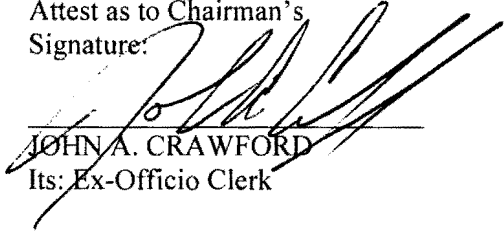
1. The Board recognizes the positive impact Take Stock in Children has in our community.
2. The Board applauds Take Stock in Children for all they do to ensure that every child has an opportunity to receive a college education.
3. The month of March 2017 is hereby proclaimed as "Take Stock in Children Month" in Nassau County.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



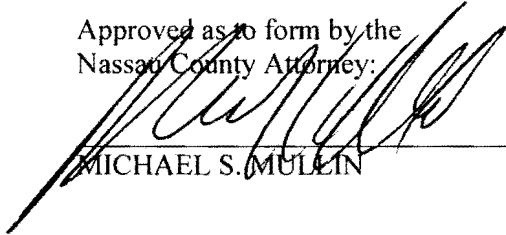
DANIEL B. LEEPER
Its: Chairman

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