## **RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - 77**

## A RESOLUTION COMMENDING GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, BUSINESSES, NOT FOR PROFITS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR THE ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT RENDERED DURING A WILDFIRE THAT OCCURRED IN BRYCEVILLE, NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA ON MARCH 22, 2017.

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2017, a fire caused by an illegal yard burn broke out in Bryceville, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the residents living in the area of County Road 119, County Road 121, and Countryside Acres subdivision were evacuated from their homes; and

WHEREAS, the wildfire consumed almost 700 acres of woodlands; two homes were destroyed, eight homes were damaged and at least nineteen outlying buildings such as sheds and barns were impacted; and

WHEREAS, the wildfire was the largest to impact Nassau County since 1998; and

WHEREAS, state agencies from both Florida and Georgia provided assistance; and

WHEREAS, nearly 200 first responders from a number of governmental and volunteer agencies lent their assistance in battling the blaze, thereby minimizing property loss and preventing human loss; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, is grateful to all those who assisted in this tragedy.

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

The Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida does hereby publicly thank and commend county staff, governmental agencies, local volunteer fire departments, businesses, not for profit agencies, and individuals who responded and provided immeasurable assistance in battling this significant wildfire in Bryceville, Florida.

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**DULY ADOPTED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

DANIEL B. LEF

Its: Chairman

ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE:

. CRAWFORD

Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney:

ICHAEL S. MULLIN