RESOLUTION NO. 2017-83

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA PROCLAIMING MAY 10, 2017 AS LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS, May 15th was designated by Presidential Proclamation in 1962, by President John F. Kennedy, as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week on which it falls as National Police Week. This was designated to honor those officers, federal, state, and local, who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, National Police Week has become widely recognized throughout the United States of America as a way for the citizenry to pay tribute and express their gratitude to those who have served and have made the ultimate sacrifice, and to those who continue to serve; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Florida Highway Patrol, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office and the Fernandina Beach Police Department; and

WHEREAS, during the past 10 years, a total of 1,562 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty, an average of one death every 61 hours. There were 135 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in 2016; and

WHEREAS, to date, Nassau County has suffered the loss of 6 Law Enforcement Officers, heroes who have fallen in the line of duty. The first occurring in 1891 and the last occurring on November 22, 2016 when Deputy Eric Oliver was killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County invites its citizens to join together in recognizing May 10th, 2017 as Law Enforcement Memorial Day and calls upon the community, and all those who enjoy the fruits of their tireless efforts, to remember, acknowledge, and honor all those law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us do hereby proclaim May 10th, 2017 as "Law Enforcement Memorial Day" in Nassau County, Florida. Duly adopted this 24th day of April, 2017.

NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DANIEL B. LERPER

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. MULLIN