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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL AND ITS BENEFIT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE REGION.

WHEREAS, the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) was formed on February 14, 1977 through an Interlocal Agreement by and between Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns Counties; and

WHEREAS, the declared purpose of the Florida Regional Planning Council Act, Section 186.501, Florida Statutes, is to establish a common system of regional planning councils for area wide coordination and related cooperative activities of federal, state and local governments and ensure a broad-based regional organization that can provide a truly regional perspective enhancing the ability of local governments to resolve issues and problems transcending their individual boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the NEFRC is a multi-purpose regional governmental entity with policy responsibility in the areas of affordable housing, economic development, emergency preparedness, energy, regional health, natural resources and regional transportation, and

WHEREAS, the NEFRC has and continues to provide value-added programs, projects and initiatives that by the virtue of their organizational structure, Board leadership and dedicated staff they are uniquely positioned to undertake on behalf of its local governments and the Region as a whole; and

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WHEREAS, the NEFRC, recognizing the need for expanded services for the citizens of Northeast Florida, created the Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition, the Regional Leadership Academy, the Business Development Corporation, the Private Industry Council (now CareerSource Northeast Florida), the Wildlife Rescue Coalition, the Northeast Florida Health Care Coalition, the Northeast Florida Regional Community Institute, the Local Emergency Planning Committee and many others that have addressed the needs of all of its member governments; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the NEFRC to celebrate the unique assets of Northeast Florida and to engage its people, businesses, governments and organizations by communicating issues, convening stakeholders, collaborating with others, calculating and analyzing, and constructing solutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this <u>10th</u> day of September 2018 that:

 The Board supports the mission of the NERFC and its myriad of programs, projects, and initiatives that inure the mutual advantage of each unit of local government in the Region.

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2. The Board strongly encourages universal engagement and support of the

NEFRC by all seven counites and 26 municipalities in the Region.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

PAT EDWARDS Its: Chairman

ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE: JØHN A. CRAWFORD NES 09.11.18 Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney MICHAEL S'MULLIN