

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-111

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING REMOVAL OF THE REFERENDUM SLATED FOR THE NOVEMBER 2020 ELECTION FOR THE ELECTORS WITHIN NASSAU COUNTY TO VOTE ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE COUNTY TO ISSUE UP TO \$30 MILLION IN GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR A CONSERVATION LAND ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, beginning in 2018, the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners requested staff to begin researching the creation of a Countywide conservation land acquisition and management program; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2018, County staff researched multiple Florida county conservation land programs and presented findings to the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2018, County staff convened a Technical Advisory Group consisting of land conservation professionals and associated fields to aid in identifying best practices and steps to move forward with a conservation land acquisition and management program; and

WHEREAS, in February 2019, the Board of County Commissioners entered into an agreement with the Trust for Public Land to conduct a financial feasibility analysis to consider funding options for a conservation land acquisition and management program; and

WHEREAS, the completed Financial Feasibility report was shared with the Board of County Commissioners in August 2019; and

WHEREAS, at a Workshop held on October 16, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners directed a Resolution be created to place a referendum on the ballot of the 2020 Election to allow the County to issue up to \$30 million on general obligation bonds, not

exceeding lawful interest rates, payable from ad valorem taxes and not to exceed 30 years for a conservation land acquisition and management program; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2019-17 was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on December 9, 2019, authorizing placement of the referendum on the 2020 Ballot; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has had great impact on Nassau County families and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes the challenges Nassau County residents have faced during the unprecedented times and feels that it would be in the best interest of the citizens to remove the referendum from the 2020 Ballot;

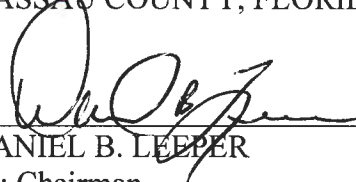
WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners feels that a Conservation Land Acquisition and Management Program is still a need in Nassau County and will proceed with creation of the Program, with the intent of adding the referendum to the 2022 Ballot for the Electors in Nassau County to vote on.

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

- 1) The Board authorizes removal of the referendum authorizing the County to issue up to \$30 million in General Obligation Bonds for a Land Conservation Acquisition and Management Program.
- 2) The Board will continue with creation of the Land Conservation Acquisition and Management Program, with the intent to place a referendum on the 2022 Ballot for consideration by the Electors of Nassau County.

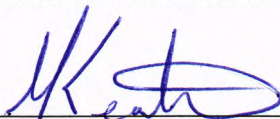
DULY ADOPTED this 17th day of June, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



DANIEL B. LEEPER
Its: Chairman

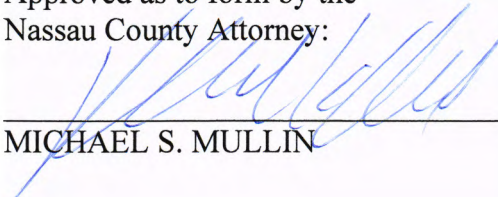
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JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

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Nassau County Attorney:

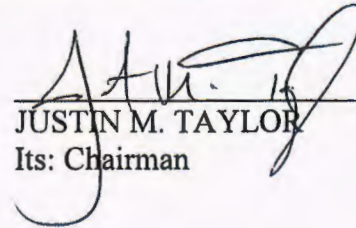


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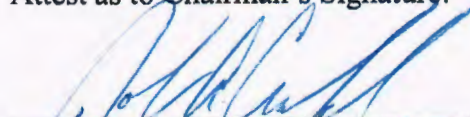
years, not exceeding 30 million dollars payable from ad valorem taxes, with citizen oversight and full public disclosure of all bond spending?

DULY ADOPTED this 9th day of December, 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA


JUSTIN M. TAYLOR
Its: Chairman

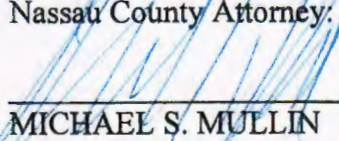
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JOHN A. CRAWFORD
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Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney:



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SCHOOL BOARD OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION # 1343



DUE TO THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE ECONOMY OF OUR COMMUNITIES, BUSINESSES, AND FAMILIES, THIS RESOLUTION REQUESTS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA TO REMOVE THE REFERENDUM SLATED FOR THE AUGUST 2020 BALLOT FOR THE ADDITIONAL ONE (1) MILL OF AD VALOREM MILLAGE TAX PURSUANT TO SECTION 1011.73(2) OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES.

WHEREAS, the **Coronavirus** has altered our classrooms, county, and country and changed the economic conditions for families and businesses throughout, making the financial outlook uncertain.

WHEREAS, the Nassau County School Board recognizes the challenges Nassau County's citizens face during this unprecedented time. The Board must lead by example during these challenging times as many citizens are out of work, businesses are closing, and recovery in the short term may be unsettling and unpredictable.

WHEREAS, the Nassau County School Board, in cooperation with the Nassau County School District, strives to be good stewards of all public funds received for support of the Nassau County School District.

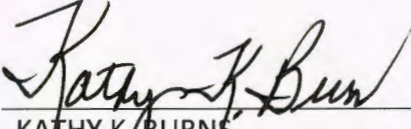
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Nassau County, Florida, that:

1. The School Board requests the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners to remove the ballot referendum slated for the August 2020 election. While the funds allocated by the State of Florida to the Nassau County School District are unknown at this time, and while the local millage continues to decrease, the Board recognizes the need for financial recovery for all of the county's citizens and requests that the referendum be removed until:

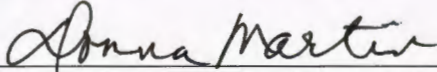
- A) Economic recovery is evident; and
- B) Millage education and information can be provided to communities throughout Nassau County for better decision making by the voting citizens.

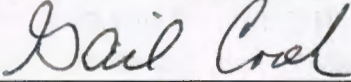
DULY ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the School Board of Nassau County, Florida, at a regular meeting held this 11 day of June, 2020.

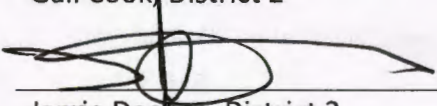
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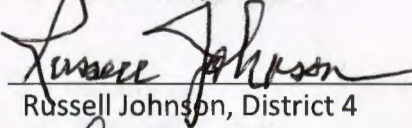

KATHY K. BURNS
Superintendent of Schools

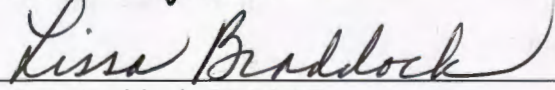
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