RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - <u>115</u>

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ACCEPTING THE FINDINGS OF THE NASSAU COUNTY VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT PHASES I AND II CONDUCTED BY THE BALMORAL GROUP.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners received two Resilience Planning Grant awards from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in 2018 and 2019 to conduct a Countywide Vulnerability Assessment; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Resilience Planning Grants is to promote community resilience planning and vulnerability assessments;

WHEREAS, each grant award was for \$40,000 with no required match from the County; and

WHEREAS, a vulnerability assessment reviews future exposure to existing developed areas and future areas of development, financial exposure, and risks to significant environmental and cultural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Countywide Vulnerability Assessment conducted by the Balmoral Group is a set of geographic information system (GIS)-based data that can be used to inform growth management and planning policy and Countywide decision-making in future infrastructure plans; and

WHEREAS, Phase I of the assessment under the first grant award evaluated the areas east of I-95 to the Shave Bridge and the areas west of I-95 south of SR200/301; and

WHEREAS, Phase II of the assessment under the second grant award evaluated Amelia Island and the areas west of I-95 north of SR200/301; and

WHEREAS, both phases of the Nassau County Vulnerability Assessment evaluated vulnerabilities from changes in water occurrence over time, storm surge, and sea level rise in relationship to various factors such as socioeconomic and demographic data, infrastructure, economics, and cultural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Vulnerability Assessment can be used in evaluating and setting policies in Nassau County regarding growth management, planning, infrastructure siting, emergency management, and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, an acceptance of the two phases of the Vulnerability Assessment will enable the County to utilize the findings in evaluating and setting policies in Nassau County to ensure a safe and resilient community moving into the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that the findings of the Nassau County Vulnerability Assessment Phase I and II conducted by the Balmoral Group with assistance from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection should be accepted and utilized regarding growth management.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED THIS 24TH DAY OF JUNE 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

DANIEL B. LEE Its: Chair

ATTEST as to Chairman's Signature:

JOHN A. CRAWFORD Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form and legality by the Nassau County Attorney:

MICHAEL S. MULLIN County Attorney