

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-137

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING WANDA LANIER ON HER
RETIREMENT FROM BARNABAS CENTER, INC.**

WHEREAS, Wanda Lanier began her employment with Barnabas Center, Inc. in June 2010, as the Chief Executive Officer and spent the next eleven years overseeing all aspects of the organization to ensure that the goals of the Board of Directors were carried out effectively and in a conscientious manner; and

WHEREAS, under Wanda Lanier's leadership, Barnabas Center has been successful in providing help and hope to individuals and families in need throughout Nassau County, improving their stability, health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Lanier led Barnabas Center to successfully complete a capital campaign and an endowment campaign, purchase and renovate a comprehensive service facility, expand healthcare services, expand services to the western part of the county, and has provided leadership to the agency resulting in multiple awards and recognition including: Florida Blue Sapphire Award, Nassau County Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit of the Year (multiple years), the highest 4-star rating from Charity Navigator and the Platinum Seal of Transparency from GuideStar; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Lanier has received recognition for her efforts on behalf of others, as a Florida Times-Union EVE finalist, a Girl Scouts "Women of Distinction" winner, an Olympic Torchbearer in the 1996 Olympics for her role in addressing homeless issues in northeast Florida, a graduate of Leadership Ashville and Leadership Jacksonville and as a member of the Rotary Amelia Sunrise Club; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Lanier has served as an experienced non-profit executive who has excelled in leadership roles in several nonprofit organizations throughout her career including North Carolina Outward Bound, her own fundraising and grant-writing business, as the first Executive Director of the Emergency Services and Homeless Coalition of Jacksonville, Community Connections of Jacksonville, the United Way of Northeast Florida and Hubbard House; and,

WHEREAS, Wanda Lanier has served the greater good and cared about others throughout her career, all while raising her own two sons and more recently, enjoying her grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Lanier has always demonstrated professionalism when representing Barnabas Center; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Lanier led by example and was admired by her co-workers for her strong work ethic and her compassion for the individuals and families she encountered; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Lanier announced her retirement effective June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Lanier will be greatly missed by those who had the honor to work with her, as well as by the individuals and families she served.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 16th day of June, 2021,
by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

1. The Board publicly commends Wanda Lanier for her commitment to Barnabas Center, Inc.
2. The Board, on behalf of all citizens of Nassau County, extends their sincere appreciation to Wanda Lanier for all she has done to make this County great.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

THOMAS R. FORD
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