RESOLUTION NO. 2022-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 18-FEBRUARY 20, 2022, AS "AMELIA ISLAND BOOK FESTIVAL WEEKEND" IN NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes the importance of continuing to develop cultural activities and excellence in the literary arts in our community; and

WHEREAS, a group of civic minded residents established the Amelia Island Book Festival and believed that the gift of reading opens the door to a world of imagination, enrichment and economic opportunity and the ability to read is fundamental to leading a full and productive life; and

WHEREAS, the Amelia Island Book Festival is now celebrating its twentieth anniversary and for two decades has continued to fulfill its mission and commitment to enriching lives through literacy in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Amelia Island Book Festival nurtures an appreciation for literacy by providing quality events featuring local and New York Times Best Selling authors, and bringing authors directly into Nassau County schools through its award-winning Authors in Schools program to engage and inspire students from pre-kindergarten through high school; and

WHEREAS, the Amelia Island Book Festival has invested over \$2M in Nassau County literacy, purchased and donated over 100,000 books for Nassau County students and schools, brought over 1,500 authors and over 100 New York Times Best Selling authors to our community; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we honor the impactful contributions of the Amelia Island Book Festival and their dedicated staff, sponsors, volunteers, schools, business partners and students to the advancement of literacy in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 14th day of February, 2022, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

- 1. The Board congratulates the Amelia Island Book Festival as they celebrate their 20th anniversary.
- 2. The Board extends their sincere appreciation to the Amelia Island Book Festival for the contributions they have made to improving literacy in Nassau County.

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3. The Board proclaims February 18 – February 20, 2022, as "Amelia Island Book Festival Weekend".

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

AARON C. BELL Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's Signature: JOHN A. CRAWFORD Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

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