

RESOLUTION 2022 - 113

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF GLENDA SIMMONS-JENKINS  
AND COMMENDING HER ON HER FLORIDA ARCHAEOLOGICAL  
COUNCIL 2022 STEWARDS OF HERITAGE AWARD.**

**WHEREAS,** Glenda Simmons-Jenkins is a resident of Nassau County who lives in the historic O'Neil Community located in Yulee, Florida; and

**WHEREAS,** Glenda Simmons-Jenkins has dedicated countless hours locating and documenting African-American heritage in Northeast Florida; and

**WHEREAS,** her efforts include identification and updates to numerous sites to the Florida Master Site File, including but not limited to, the Harper Chapel Cemetery; Hughes/Friendship archaeological Site; Gross Cemetery; Jones Jacob Wilder Cemetery; Martin Cemetery; Friendship Baptist Church; Third Mt. Zion Baptist Church; Silver Square Masonic Lodge; and the Amos White Community Center; and

**WHEREAS,** Glenda Simmons-Jenkins also serves as a Florida Representative for the Gullah/Geechee Nation, and as a co-founder of the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Committee of Northeast Florida, a group that works to elevate the voices of Gullah/Geechee descendants and to protect their cultural practices, resources; and landscapes; and

**WHEREAS**, Gullah/Geechee people have an extensive history in Nassau County that includes Evergreen, Sandhill, White Oak, Kings Ferry, Lessie, Hero, Piney, O'Neil and Nassauville where enslaved Africans worked and where their descendants have exercised self-determination; and

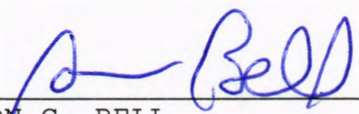
**WHEREAS**, Glenda Simmons Jenkins has also served on the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission which was established by an act of Congress on October 12, 2006, and was successful in having wayfinding signs installed along U.S. 17 and State Road 200 in Nassau County to further promote the culture and legacy of the Gullah/Geechee people; and

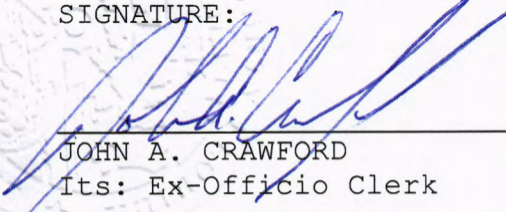
**WHEREAS**, it was announced on May 6, 2022, that Glenda Simmons-Jenkins is the proud recipient of the Florida Archaeological Council's Stewards of Heritage Award which recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to aid archaeological preservation and promote public awareness of Florida's heritage.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, this 13th day of June, 2022, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that the Board publicly commends Glenda Simmons-Jenkins for all she has done to advance research and education related to the Gullah/Geechee people and in preserving their heritage for future generations.

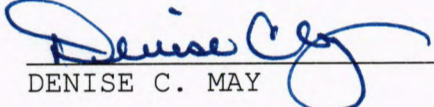
DULY ADOPTED THIS 13th day of June, 2022.

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

Approved as to form by the  
Nassau County Attorney

  
DENISE C. MAY