RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 138

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING PLACEMENT OF A REFERENDUM ON THE BALLOT FOR THE AUGUST 2022 ELECTION FOR THE ELECTORS WITHIN THE NASSAU COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO VOTE ON THE APPPROVAL OF AN ADDITIONAL ONE (1) MILL OF AD VALOREM MILLAGE TAX PURSUANT TO SECTION 1011.73(2) OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES.

WHEREAS, Section 1011.73(2) of the Florida Statutes authorizes the School Board of Nassau County, Florida, pursuant to a resolution adopted at a regular meeting, to direct the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, to call an election at which the electors within the school district may approve an ad valorem tax millage as authorized under Section 1011.71(9) of the Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, according to the School Board, the funds allocated by the State of Florida to Nassau County District Schools ("District") are insufficient for the District to continue improving and providing the excellence in education that students deserve; and

WHEREAS, Section 1011.71(9) of the Florida Statutes authorizes public school boards to levy, by local referendum, additional millage for school operational purposes up to an amount that, when combined with the non-voted millage levied, does not exceed the 10 mill limit established in s. 9(b), Art. VII of the State Constitution, and the current millage is well-below such limit; and

WHEREAS, the School Board has determined that it is in the best interests of District students and staff to submit to the voters the question of approving an additional one (1) mill of ad valorem millage tax for a period of four (4) years to satisfy the objectives and requirements of

the Act and provide for operating expenses necessary to the District's delivery of high-quality services; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting held on June 9, 2022, the Nassau County School Board approved Resolution No. 1355, requesting the Board of County Commissioners to place the referendum on the ballot for the August 2022 Election.

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

- 1. Pursuant to Section 1011.73(2), the School Board has requested that the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners place a referendum on the ballot for the forthcoming primary election, whereby the electors within the Nassau County School District may vote on the approval of an additional one (1) mill of ad valorem millage tax for District operating expenses over a period of four (4) years, as authorized by Section 1011.71(9) of the Florida Statutes.
- 2. The substance and title of the millage referendum shall be as follows:

BALLOT TITLE:

NASSAU COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AD VALOREM MILLAGE ELECTION

BALLOT QUESTION:

Shall the Nassau County School District levy an ad valorem operating millage of 1 mill annually to attract and retain high-quality teachers and staff through additional compensation, enhance fine arts and athletic programs, and provide enhanced safety and security for students and staff, in order to continue and sustain improvements in the quality of Nassau County's school system?

YES, for additional millage
NO, against additional millage

DULY ADOPTED this 27th day of June, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

ARON C. J. Jeff Gray

Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's Signature:

JOHN A. CRAWFORD Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney: