

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023- 150**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO SPONSOR LEGISLATION TO DESIGNATE A PORTION OF INTERSTATE 95 BETWEEN MILE MARKERS 380 AND 381 IN NASSAU COUNTY FOR CORPORAL JAMES MCWHORTER, AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY ACTIONS IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Officers with the Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement enforces laws governing businesses regulated by Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, protecting consumers from unfair and deceptive trade practices, protect Florida’s agriculture industry from theft and other crimes, and safeguard the wholesomeness of food and other consumer products; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement Officers operate twenty-three agricultural inspection stations on nineteen highways going in and out of Florida, conducting inspections twenty-four hours per day, three hundred and sixty-five days per year; and

**WHEREAS**, Corporal James Michael McWhorter served the State of Florida and residents of Nassau County as a Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, Corporal James McWhorter served with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement for two- and one-half years; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 12, 2022, Corporal James McWhorter was killed in a vehicle crash in the line of duty near the Agricultural Inspection Station on Interstate 95 in Yulee, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, recognizes Corporal James McWhorter's dedication to the citizens and visitors of the State of Florida and for giving the ultimate sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida finds it fitting to designate a portion of Interstate 95, between mile markers 380 and 381 in Nassau County for Corporal James McWhorter in order to honor his memory; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 334.071, Florida Statutes, provides the installation of state road designation signs shall be contingent on the applicable city or county commission passing a resolution in support of the honorary road designation.

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

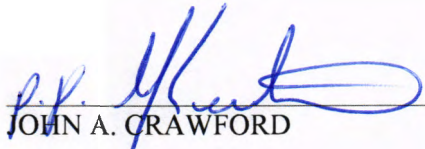
1. The Board hereby supports the designation of a portion of Interstate 95, between mile markers 380 and 381 in Nassau County for Corporal James McWhorter.
2. The Board hereby respectfully requests that the Nassau County Legislative Delegation sponsor legislation to establish a supplemental name to be added to designate a portion of Interstate 95, between mile markers 380 and 381 in Nassau County for Corporal James McWhorter.
3. The Board further hereby respectfully requests that, upon passage of the appropriate legislation, that the Florida Department of Transportation be directed to erect suitable markers designating a portion of Interstate 95, between mile markers 380 and 381 in Nassau County for Corporal James McWhorter.

**DULY ADOPTED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

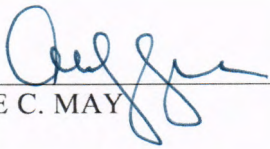
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NASSAU COUNTY FLORIDA

  
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KLYNT A. FARMER  
Its: Chairman

ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE:

  
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JOHN A. CRAWFORD

Approved as to form by the Nassau County  
Attorney:

  
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