EXHIBIT "A" AITDC RESOLUTION NO. 2024-<u>035</u>

AITDC RESOLUTION NO. 2024-025

A RESOLUTION OF THE AMELIA ISLAND TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOMMENDING TO THE NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE RITZ-CARLTON, AMELIA ISLAND, FOR THE ENGAGE!24 AMELIA ISLAND – LUXURY WEDDING BUSINESS SUMMIT EVENT AND IN SUPPORT OF SAID RECOMMENDATION FINDING THAT THE USE OF TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX REVENUES FOR SAID PURPOSE WILL ENHANCE VISITOR EXPERIENCES AND PROMOTE TOURISM ON AMELIA ISLAND, IN NASSAU COUNTY, AND IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA; FURTHER PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), levies and imposes a tourist development tax to promote through marketing and advertising Amelia Island and to increase tourist-related business activities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, the BOCC established the Amelia Island Tourist Development Council (AITDC) as an advisory board to oversee the development and marketing of Amelia Island and the expenditure of the tourist development tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the tourist development tax revenues received by Nassau County are restricted funds, and the expenditure of those funds shall comply with Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, the Florida Administrative Code, Sections 30-61 through 30-68 of the Nassau County Code of Ordinances, and AITDC Policies as approved by the BOCC; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, the BOCC has contracted with the Amelia Island Convention and Visitors Bureau (AICVB) to execute the marketing of Amelia Island as a world-class tourism destination; and

WHEREAS, based upon the recommendation of the AICVB, the AITDC now finds that the sponsorship of The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, for the Engage!24 Amelia Island – Luxury Wedding Business Summit event as further depicted in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, is/are tourism-related activities and will assist in the promotion of Amelia Island and Nassau County, Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the AITDC, as follows:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS. The above findings are true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. USE OF TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX REVENUES.

- a. The AITDC hereby finds that the use of tourist development tax revenues for the sponsorship of The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island for the Engage!24 Amelia Island Luxury Wedding Business Summit event as depicted in Exhibit "A" (hereinafter "Sponsorship(s)"), is a tourism-related activity and will assist in the promotion of Amelia Island and Nassau County, Florida, and is consistent with Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes and Sections 30-61 through 30-68 of the Nassau County Code of Ordinances.
- **b.** Based upon the above finding, the AITDC hereby recommends to the BOCC that the BOCC utilize tourist development tax revenues for said Sponsorship(s) as a means to promote tourism of Amelia Island and Nassau County, Florida, with said amounts to be paid from the AITDC budget as follows:
 - 1. Sponsorship: The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island for the Engage!24 Amelia Island Luxury Wedding Business Summit event.

Date: December 16, 2024 to December 19, 2024

Amount: \$100,000.00

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

DULY ADOPTED this 27 day of March , 2024.

AMELIA ISLAND TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

JOHN F. MARTIN, MBA

/Its: Chairman

Date: March 27, 2024

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney:

DENISE C. MAY