RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 130

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE NORTHEAST FLORIDA FAIR ASSOCIATION'S AGRICULTURE EDUCATION AND PROMOTION FACILITY REQUEST FOR FUNDING, AND ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR BENEFIT TO NASSAU COUNTY RESIDENTS.

WHEREAS, the Northeast Florida Fair Association is a non-profit organization that has sponsored the Northeast Florida Fair for the past 76 years; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Florida Fair takes place annually in October at the fairgrounds

located on U.S. Highway 1 in Callahan, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Florida Fair is an educational, entertainment and agricultural related event that benefits a myriad of programs and businesses related to livestock, poultry, sheep, swine, and horses, including the 4-H Program and the Future Farmers of America; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners supports the mission of the Northeast Florida Fair Association as the annual fair encourages enthusiasm from our youth to celebrate Florida's agricultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Florida Fair Association relies on County and State Capital Funding for making repairs to current facilities and for building new facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners acknowledges the Northeast Florida Fair Association's benefit to the public and supports their efforts to make improvements to existing facilities at the fairgrounds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 21st day of August, 2024 that:

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- 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby acknowledges the Northeast Florida Fair Association's benefit to the citizens of Nassau County, Florida.
- 2. The Board supports the Northeast Florida Fair Association's request for State Funding from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for an Agriculture Education and Promotion Facility Request for Funding for its fairground improvement project and verifies that facilities at the fairgrounds are beneficial to the citizens of Nassau County.
- 3. The Northeast Florida Fair Association's project serves a public purpose.
- 4. The Board of County Commissioners acknowledges that it will incur no costs relative to the completion of the Northeast Florida Fair Association's proposed project.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SAU COUNTY, FLORIDA AS

JOHN F. MARTIN Its: Chairman

ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMA SIGNATURE JOHN A. CRAWFORD

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney:

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