## **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-**<u>181</u>

## A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMERGENCY RESERVES AND PROVDING A REPLENISHMENT PLAN FOR THE EMERGENCY FUND BALANCE

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) adopted the Fund Balance and Reserve Policy; and

**WHEREAS**, within the policy, an Emergency Fund Balance was established for the purpose of providing funds for an urgent catastrophic event, major disaster (e.g. hurricane, pandemic, wildfires, terrorist attack, etc.), economic distress, uncertainty, or opportunity conditions; and

**WHEREAS,** The County has recently experienced the impacts of nearly a 1,000 year storm event resulting in flooding events throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, during the flooding events the County incurred additional expenses due to the flooding events and the activation of the Road Department and third-party contractors; and

**WHEREAS,** the use of the emergency funds will result in the Emergency Fund Balance falling below the minimum fund balance; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC must approve and adopt a plan to restore the Emergency Fund Balance per Section VII of the Fund Balance and Reserve Policy, if the fund balance falls below the minimum requirement; and

**WHEREAS,** The County's General Fund will incur unanticipated expenses of \$1,244,531 from the emergency for ditch, drainage, and road repairs, such funds should be replenished as a best practice of the County to be prepared for future emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Whereas the County is in the process of seeking reimbursement from FEMA for Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton and such reimbursements may replenish the Emergency Fund Balance in the future fiscal year; and WHEREAS, the County shall have sufficient cash carry forward available from the

close of the 2023/24 fiscal year, such funds shall be used to replenish the Emergency Fund

Balance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County

Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024 that:

- 1. The Board hereby acknowledges the availability and use of Emergency Reserve Fund Balance was essential to support the response to the recent local flooding emergency.
- 2. The Board shall replenish any funds used through the use of available General Fund cash carry forward from fiscal year 2023/24 and any FEMA reimbursements received.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

JOHN F. MARTIN Its: Chairman

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Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney:

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