Ordinance 2011-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, ESTABLISHING AN "IDLE SPEED NO WAKE BOATING RESTRICTED AREA" ON A PORTION OF THE WATERWAY WITHIN NASSAU COUNTY LYING WITHIN SAINT MARY'S RIVER; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds it necessary for the safety and welfare of the public to establish certain zones within the waterways of Nassau County as Idle Speed- No Wake Zones; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has recently amended <u>Florida Statute</u> Section 327.46 to provide that counties have the authority to establish the boating-restricted areas by ordinance within certain guidelines.

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

- 1. <u>Title.</u> This ordinance shall be known as the "Kings Ferry Boat Ramp Idle Speed-No Wake Zone Ordinance".
- 2. <u>Signage.</u> Signs that indicate an Idle Speed- No Wake Boating Restricted Area shall be placed within the ramp area and posted at the limits of the zone.
- 3. <u>Enforcement.</u> The enforcement of the Idle Speed- No Wake Boating Restricted Area shall be accomplished by all State and local law enforcement agencies.
- 4. No Wake Zone. The area designated for the Idle Speed- No Wake Boating Restricted Area shall be: That portion of the Saint Mary's River from 30°47.21664'N, 81°50.45548'W to 30°47.19477'N, 81°50.35786'W, as shown in the attached Exhibit A.
- 5. The Director of Parks and Recreation shall insure that proper signs are placed within the boundaries of the Idle Speed- No Wake Boating Restricted Area. The absence of signs shall not render the Idle Speed- No Wake Boating restricted area invalid or unenforceable.
- 6. **Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, then said

holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

7. **Effective Date**. This Ordinance shall become effective upon filing with the Department of State.

DULY ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF July , 2011.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

WALTER J. BOATRIGHT

Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's signature:

JOHN A. CRAWFORD

Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney:

DAVID A. HALLMAN

