

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A COUNTY OWNED
AND OPERATED PUBLIC HOSPITAL

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, did on September 11, 1940, adopt a Resolution recorded in County Commisison Book 9, pages 335-36 providing for an election to be held on November 5, 1940, on the Question of Levying an Annual Tax for Establishing and Maintaining a Public Hospital at Fernandina in Nassau County; and,

WHEREAS, an election was held on November 5, 1940, concerning the above question and the people of Nassau County did approve the same and the results were certified by the Board of County Commissioners on November 8, 1940, and recorded in County Commission Book 9, pages 347-48; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 21228, Laws of Florida 1941, was enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida providing the enabling and creation Act; and,

WHEREAS, the hospital provided for in such legislation was erected and subsequently expanded and is presently operating; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Humphreys Memorial Hospital, the County hospital, has determined that a new County hospital should be constructed in order to upgrade the public health care for Nassau County and in order to have a facility which complies with appropriate governmental regulations for such facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that the greater public good would be served by the construction of a facility rather than renovating the old facility; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 21228, Laws of Florida 1941, has been amended several times, one of such amendments providing that:

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- (2) The board is authorized to establish, construct, operate and maintain such hospitals and facilities for limited medical care as in its opinion shall be necessary for the preservation of the public health and welfare. The location of such hospitals and facilities for limited care shall be determined by the board ... Chapter 65-1957, §2(2) Laws of Florida 1965

and

WHEREAS, Chapter 65-1957, §2(3) Laws of Florida 1965,

provides in part that:

..... The board shall, on or before July 1 of each year file with the Board of County Commissioners of the County a report of its proceedings, a statement of all receipts and expenditures during the year, and a certification of the amount required for the improvement and maintenance of its facilities during the ensuing year. The Board of County Commissioners shall, at its annual meeting for the purpose of determining the amount to be raised for all County purposes, levy a tax upon all taxable property in the County sufficient to produce the sum required by the report of the Board of Trustees; provided, that the hospital levy.... shall not exceed five (5) mills on the assessed valuation...

and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, presently levies a tax on the behalf of the hospital in accordance with above cited legislation and other pertinent provisions of the law of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, approves of the construction of a new County hospital facility and approves of the Board of Trustees determination that such is necessary for the use of the people of the County and for the public good.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, in regular meeting duly assembled, that;

1. The construction of the new County hospital be confirmed and declared to be a public purpose and necessary for the preservation of the public health and welfare.

2. The Board of County Commissioners will, insofar as is possible, continue to levy and assess an ad valorem tax for the Board of Trustees of Humphreys Memorial Hospital, the County hospital, in accordance with the legislation set forth above and the other pertinent provisions of the laws of Florida.

RESOLVED this 29th day of July, 1975.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY

By: John F. Armstrong, Jr.
Chairman

Attest: W. O. Kelley
Clerk