

RESOLUTION 81-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION TO CONSIDER MEANINGFUL TAX REFORM MEASURES AND PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION TO IMPLEMENT A ONE-HALF CENT LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, state-mandated programs and projects without funding; escalating costs of fuel, transportation, equipment, construction, operation, and maintenance of utilities facilities; demands for crime related expenditures; and potentially devastating cutbacks in federal and state grant programs have created a financial crisis situation for local governments; and,

WHEREAS, the alternatives left to counties and cities are a substantial increase in ad valorem taxes or a severe reduction in services; and,

WHEREAS, inflationary cost of materials and personnel have plagued Nassau County for several years, causing continuous reduction in services and delays in construction and maintenance of capital improvements and purchase of necessary capital equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the problems facing local governments are a result of many years of general fund revenue sources growing at a rate substantially less than the increasing cost of personnel and purchases;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA:

1. The Governor of the State of Florida is requested to call a special legislative session prior to the end of the current year to address the local government funding crises.

2. All Florida Legislators are encouraged to seriously consider the vital needs of their counties and cities and approve a one-half cent local option sales tax to be enacted by the governing bodies of the local governments without the need of a general or special election to correct revenue shortages faced by local govern-

ments, with revenues from such tax being returns to the counties and cities from which such revenues are derived.

3. The local option sales tax should not jeopardize the continuation of the existing gas taxes and state revenue sharing programs.

4. A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Governor of the State of Florida, the Nassau County Legislative Delegation, and all County Commissions, requesting their support of this request.

5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED in regular session, this 2nd day of October, A.D., 1981.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION
OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: John F. Armstrong
John F. Armstrong, Chairman

Attest: P. Hreson
Ex Officio Clerk