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RESOLUTION 89-34

A RESOLUTION, AS TO FLORIDA STATUTES,
161.58(2).

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Florida, in the 1988 Session, adopted CS/HB 118; and

WHEREAS, said Bill was initiated by a "private special interest group" that does not represent the public; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau, Board of County Commissioners St. Johns, and Board of County Commissioners Volusia Counties did not approve nor request said legislation; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature may not be aware of the initiation of the Bill or its impacts; and

WHEREAS, the issue is not "beach driving", but is "beach access"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County are very much concerned about "beach access" for its residents and all the residents of the State of Florida for whom the beaches are dedicated; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources is in the process of drafting rules pursuant to Florida Statutes 161.58(2).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 20th day of March, 1989, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, as follows:

1. The Board of County Commissioners opposes CS/HB 118, in that it was initiated by and for a "private special interest group" and does not, and did not, take into consideration the best interests of the majority of the citizens of Nassau County.

2. The Board of County Commissioners is opposed to the Department of Natural Resources' draft rule, in its present form, in that it does not consider individual aspects of Nassau County's, St. Johns County's, and Volusia County's beaches.

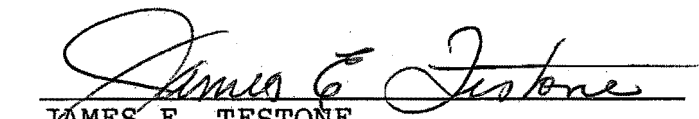
3. The Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County requests that the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with the affected counties, allow the County to draft rules that will provide adequate access to all the citizens of the County, as well as residents of the State.



4. The draft rule, in its present language, does not, and will not, provide access to the citizens of the County or the State, and, in fact, will create a private beach for those residents able to afford daily room rates or able to afford condominiums and ocean-front homes.

5. "Beach driving" is not the issue, but "beach access" is the issue. Nassau County must have automobile access to the beach for parking. Without said automobile access for parking, the residents of the County and/or the State of Florida will be relegated to isolated areas of the Nassau County beaches, and considering the tourists and the huge numbers utilizing the beach, there will not be adequate parking if there is no vehicular access to the beach.

6. This Resolution shall be forwarded to the Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House, State Senator Arnett Girardeau, State Representative George Crady, the St. Johns County and Volusia County delegations, representatives of the Boards of County Commissions of St. Johns County and Volusia County, and the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA


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Its: Chairman


ATTEST:

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Its: Ex-Officio Clerk