RESOLUTION NO. 95-121

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE NORTHEAST FLORIDA PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD FOR THE COUNTY OF NASSAU

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners recognizes that a well-trained, skilled and flexible workforce is the lifeblood of a county's economy, particularly in attracting, expanding and retaining highly desirable business and industry; and

WHEREAS, workforce development opportunities for all sectors of the labor force, including those who are disadvantaged or who have been displaced, are critical in maintaining a productive society where all citizens have the opportunity to make a positive contribution; and

WHEREAS, the nature of business and employment have fundamentally changed with technological advances, keener domestic and global competition, enhanced efficiencies and quality improvements requiring the workforce to continually enhance skill levels, update old skills and learn new skills in order to remain competitive; and

WHEREAS, there is general recognition at all levels of government, in the private sector, within the educational community, in management and labor as well as from the current employment and training planning and delivery field that the existing system of workforce development must be reinvented; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress is currently considering legislation to accomplish that reinvention with the intent of transferring substantial decision-making responsibilities and funding from the federal government to state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, effective transformation of the employment and training system will require a local planning, funding and evaluation component such as a Workforce Investment Board at the local level.

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners desires to ensure that planning and decision-making relating to local workforce development occur with substantial input provided by local elected officials who understand and are sensitive to the workforce preparation and economic development needs of Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County enjoys the benefits of a coordination of comprehensive planning efforts with all other counties in the Northeast Florida Region through their association with the Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council, and

WHEREAS, Nassau County also enjoys the benefits of those planning efforts related to employment and training through the Northeast Florida Private Industry Council within the Regional Planning Council,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners that the Northeast Florida Private Industry Council be designated as the Workforce Investment Board for Nassau County to assume the responsibilities of comprehensive labor market research, strategic planning, funding allocation and program performance evaluation and additional responsibilities as may be described in such federal or state legislation as may be enacted and/or by Executive Order of the Governor.

ADOPTED this 24th day of July, 1995.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY:

MMY/L. HIGGINBOTHAM

Its: Chairman

ATTEST:

T. J. FRRY" GREESON

Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County, Attorney:

Michael S. Mullin