

RESOLUTION NO. 95-98

WHEREAS, prescribed burning is a critical resource management tool, which when properly administered minimizes impacts on air quality, protect public safety, and enriches property aesthetics; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County derives significant economic benefit from the growth, harvesting and subsequent production of timber and timber related products; and

WHEREAS, much of the ecosystem of Nassau County, including endangered, threatened, and species of special concern, is fire-dependent for its vitality; and

WHEREAS, prescribed burning reduces accumulated fuels and consequently lessens the likelihood and severity of uncontrolled and damaging wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature enacted Chapter 590.026, Florida Statutes, recognizing the benefits of conducting prescribed burning; and

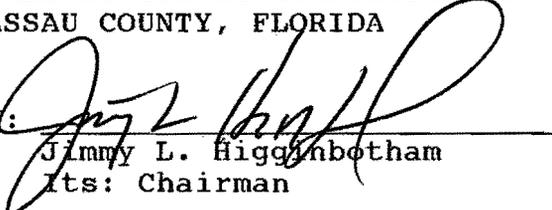
WHEREAS, rules governing open burning in Nassau County require that proper authorization be obtained from the appropriate state, county, and where applicable, municipal governments prior to the initiation and conducting of prescribed burning in Nassau County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners, in Regular Session and duly assembled as the governing body of Nassau County, do hereby support the use of prescribed burning as a land management tool in Nassau County.

ADOPTED this 8th day of May, 1995 by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

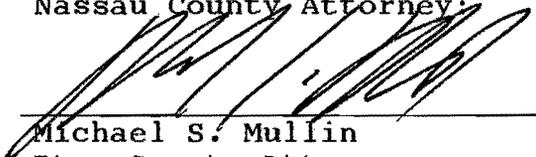
BY:


Jimmy L. Higginbotham
Its: Chairman

ATTEST:


T. J. "Jerry" Greeson
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney:


Michael S. Mullin
Its: County Attorney