

RESOLUTION NO. 96-128

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF S.1811 AND H.R. 3551, TITLED, "THE SHORE PROTECTION ACT OF 1996"; URGING THE BILLS' QUICK PASSAGE, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in early 1995, the Clinton Administration proposed and implemented a policy which withdrew federal financial participation in most shore protection, beach restoration and beach nourishment projects, including those in Nassau County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, also in 1995, a big majority of coastal cities and counties in Florida adopted formal resolutions which opposed the policy and which recommended continuance of Federal participation in shore and beach projects; and

WHEREAS, the facts and figures show that very substantial travel, tourism, recreational, and storm protection benefits accrue to the United States from the relatively modest Federal investments in shore protection and beach nourishment; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments should not have to bear the entire burden of protecting and maintaining the nation's beach infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, during late May, 1996, "The Shore Protection Act of 1996" was introduced in the U. S. Senate (S.1811) and House of Representatives (H.R. 3551) by bipartisan House and Senate coastal coalitions; and

WHEREAS, "The Shore Protection Act of 1996" reaffirms the

Federal interest in protecting the Nation's shores, including maintaining its beaches, and provides for the consideration of the full range of local, regional, and national economic benefits from shore protection projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 24th day of June, 1996, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, as follows:

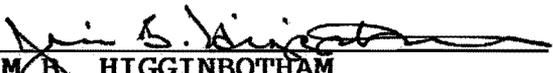
1. The Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, fully supports the provisions of S.1811 and H.R. 3551, known as the "Shore Protection Act of 1996".

2. The Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, urges that Nassau County's federal legislators join in co-sponsoring the bill, and that The bill be passed quickly into law.

3. That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Senator Bob Graham, Senator Connie Mack, Representative Tillie K. Fowler, Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, the Clinton Administration, and the Governor of Florida.

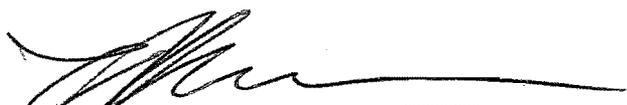
4. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



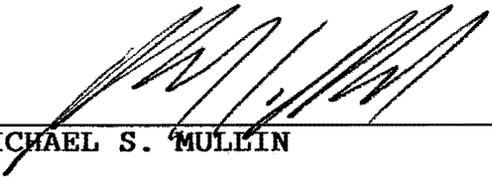
JIM B. HIGGINBOTHAM
Its: Chairman

Attest:



T. J. "JERRY" GREESON
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. S. Mullin', is written over a horizontal line.

MICHAEL S. MULLEN