## RESOLUTION NO. 96-176

## A RESOLUTION ENDORSING METRO MACHINE'S LOCATION TO NASSAU COUNTY

WHEREAS, Metro Machine Corporation, with its headquarters in Norfolk, Virginia, employs approximately 1,500 employees in naval ship repair facilities at Chester, Philadelphia and Erie, Pennsylvania, and Norfolk, Virginia; and

whereas, Metro Machine Corporation has received repeated awards from the Navy and most recently in 1993 received the highly coveted "AEGIS" award and is the only shippard to have been so honored by the Navy; and

WHEREAS, in the same year, 1993, Metro Machine Corporation was the only business honored by the United States Environmental Protection Agency which awarded it its "Region 3 Award for Excellence and Environmental Education"; and

WHEREAS, Metro Machine Corporation's repair system for ship blasting and coating operations is a patented system which creates a sealed environment around the ship's hull that captures all air and water pollution by utilizing this "CAPE" system; and

WHEREAS, Metro Machine Corporation is desirous of locating a facility in Nassau County at the old Nassau Fertilizer site; and

WHEREAS, Metro Machine has indicated that this site would produce 500 high paying jobs to be offered to citizens of Nassau County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 26 day of Now, 1996, that the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County,

Florida does hereby urge the Governor, members of the Cabinet, and all environmental agencies to cooperate fully with Metro Machine Corporation to encourage them to bring this very needed job-producing industry to Nassau County.

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:

MICHAEL S. MULLIN