

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-27

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, COMMEMORATING THE 50<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMELIA ISLAND-FERNANDINA BEACH-  
YULEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**WHEREAS**, in 1784, only eight (8) years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the idea for the formation of chambers of commerce in the United States originated; and

**WHEREAS**, two years later, the first chamber was organized, and in 1956, the Amelia Island-Fernandina Beach-Yulee Chamber of Commerce was established and hence providing 50 years of service to Nassau County businesses as well as the community as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of this Chamber is to sustain a favorable business climate that enables existing and new businesses to prosper by providing leadership that aggressively promotes responsible economic growth, employment opportunities, responsible government, excellence in education and quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, to maintain Amelia Island as a tourist destination, the Chamber provides information for tourists relating to lodging, shopping, transportation and restaurants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chamber sponsors over 75 events each year, including seminars, workshops, expos, general-membership meetings, and also encourages business start-ups and offers valuable assistance to businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, from humble beginnings of seven business people, the Chamber has grown to over 700 members; the Chamber was the original sponsor of the Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival; in 1994 awarded "The Best Small Chamber in the USA", originated and sponsors "Leadership Nassau" an ongoing community leadership training program.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2006 that the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, does hereby commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Amelia Island-Fernandina Beach-Yulee Chamber of Commerce, recognizes the Amelia Island-Fernandina Beach-Yulee Chamber of Commerce as a significant and influential proponent of free enterprise in Nassau County and honors it as the organization which "does the things that most people think just happen".

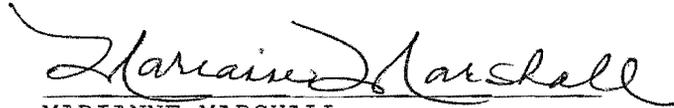
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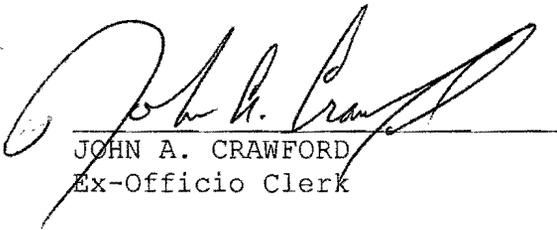
  
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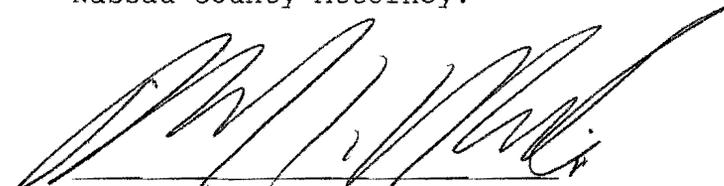
  
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