

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-83

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING APRIL 26, 2010 AS
CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY IN NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, April 26 is recognized as Confederate Memorial Day, a legal holiday in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of Confederate Veterans (S.C.V.) is the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans and the oldest hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate soldiers and sailors. Organized at Richmond, Virginia in 1896, the S.C.V. continues to serve as a historical, patriotic, benevolent, non-sectarian and non-political organization dedicated to ensuring that the true history of the 1861-1865 period is presented; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Finnegan, a lawyer, a timberman and railroadman, living in Fernandina Beach, Florida, was a Brigadier General of Confederate Forces overseeing the East and Middle Districts of Florida, and led the Confederate Army to victory at the Battle of Olustee (Ocean Pond), the largest Civil War battle to be fought in the State of Florida, and the local Camp 745 Sons of Confederate Veterans is named to honor the memory of Joseph Finnegan; and

WHEREAS, General Joseph Finnegan Camp 745, Sons of Confederate Veterans was chartered in November 2003 by the proud descendants of those who served in the Confederate Army and Navy, and that these descendants now reside in and around Nassau County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, one of the official duties of General Joseph Finnegan Camp 745, Sons of Confederate Veterans is to locate, clean, maintain or otherwise mark or

decorate the graves of Confederate veterans as a means to honor their memory and pass their history on to future generations; and

WHEREAS, due to excessive research conducted by General Joseph Camp 745, Sons of Confederate Veterans, the final resting places of 107 Confederate veterans have to this date been located in 27 cemeteries and other such burial plots within Nassau County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, since their formation as a Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp, the members of Camp 745 have conducted an annual Confederate Memorial Service at Nassau County area cemeteries to honor and pay respect to those patriot ancestors who came to the defense of their Southern homeland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

April 26, 2010 is hereby recognized in Nassau County, Florida, as Confederate Memorial Day and that on a designated Saturday in April of each year, the efforts of General Joseph Finnegan Camp 745, Sons of Confederate Veterans to conduct a Confederate Memorial Service be recognized.

DULY ADOPTED this 21st day of April, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



MICHAEL H. BOYLE
Its: Chairman

ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S
SIGNATURE:



JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Chairman

Approved as to form by the Nassau County
Attorney:



DAVID A. HALLMAN