

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-- 51

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE CONTINUANCE OF THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED IN SECTION 893.055, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida has a serious problem with the illegal diversion of prescription drugs; and

WHEREAS, approximately 7 people a day die in Florida from improper use of prescription drugs; and

WHEREAS, Section 893.055, Florida Statutes, establishes a prescription drug monitoring program; and

WHEREAS, the development of the prescription drug monitoring program database has been funded through grants and private funds; and

WHEREAS, the continuing operation of the prescription drug monitoring program is estimated to be \$500,000, which is less than one one-thousandth of the state's overall budget; and

WHEREAS, Florida is the largest population state without some type of prescription drug monitoring program; and

WHEREAS, nationally, Florida is perceived in a negative light for its proliferation of pill mills and out-of-state users flocking to Florida for the drugs; and

WHEREAS, prescription drug monitoring programs in other states have proven successful; and

WHEREAS, the Government Accounting Office issued a report as early as 1992 noting that prescription drug monitoring programs are beneficial; and

WHEREAS, the diversion of prescription drugs is a statewide problem calling for a statewide solution; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Medical Association supported the adoption of Senate Bill 462 in 2009 that established the prescription drug monitoring program; and

WHEREAS, counties are limited in their ability to prevent patients from traveling between counties to doctor shop and obtain multiple prescriptions; and

WHEREAS, the prescription drug monitoring program would provide a tool for doctors and pharmacists to use to determine if a patient is doctor shopping or has purchased an excessive amount of prescribed drugs.

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

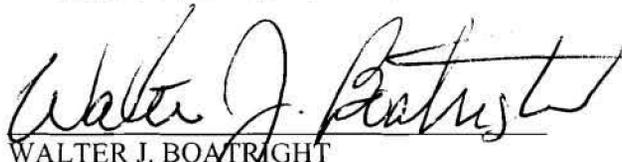
Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners does not support the Governor's Budget Recommendation Conforming Bill Office of Drug Control/Statewide Office for Suicide Prevention that repeals Section 893.055, Florida Statutes.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners supports the continued implementation of the prescription drug monitoring program and the associated database.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DULY ADOPTED this 16th day of March, 2011.

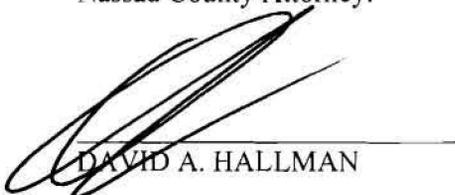
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA


WALTER J. BOATRIGHT
Its: Chairman

ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S
SIGNATURE:


JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk *EBK 3/16/11*

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney:


DAVID A. HALLMAN