

RESOLUTION NO. 2011- 74

A RESOLUTION HONORING THOMAS B. KOCHHEISER ON HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO NASSAU COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Thomas B. Kochheiser began his employment with Nassau County, Florida on April 23, 2001 as the Emergency Services Director for the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Thomas B. Kochheiser was employed by the Nassau County Sheriff from September 11, 2006 to June 5, 2009 in the position of the Director of Communications and later as the 911 Addressing/Mapping Manager; and

WHEREAS, Thomas B. Kochheiser was hired as the Interim Director of Emergency Management for the Board of County Commissioners on June 8, 2009; and

WHEREAS, in December 2009, Thomas B. Kochheiser submitted the necessary documents to allow Nassau County to use the CodeRED Emergency Notification System, enabling citizens to be notified by telephone in the event of a pending emergency; and

WHEREAS, Thomas B. Kochheiser completed a five year Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan in March 2010, which was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, the Florida Department of Emergency Management, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and the Plan will provide direction for Nassau County on how to handle a state of emergency or disaster in the future; and

WHEREAS, in July 2010, Thomas B. Kochheiser developed a new emergency activation organization chart to bring Nassau County into compliance with Homeland Security National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command Systems (ICS); and

WHEREAS, Thomas B. Kochheiser was appointed Director of Emergency Management on February 22, 2010, and is one of the finest public officials to serve Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, Thomas B. Kochheiser played a major role in the building of a new Emergency Operations Center, which opened on March 10, 2010; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2010, Thomas B. Kochheiser conducted an Emergency Management Hurricane Exercise to test the effectiveness of the new Emergency Operations Center, and all key participants left with a strong understanding of their roles and responsibilities during an emergency situation; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2011, Thomas B. Kochheiser conducted a tabletop exercise to determine whether Nassau County's Post Disaster Redevelopment Plan was practical, and because of the diligent efforts of Thomas B. Kochheiser, Nassau County is prepared for the recovery process following a major incident; and

WHEREAS, while serving as the Director of Emergency Management, Thomas B. Kochheiser worked with the Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) to have emergency communication hardware and equipment installed at the EOC and all emergency shelters, and in May 2011, ARES completed installation and agreed to maintain Nassau County's emergency communication equipment, thus saving Nassau County thousands of dollars; and

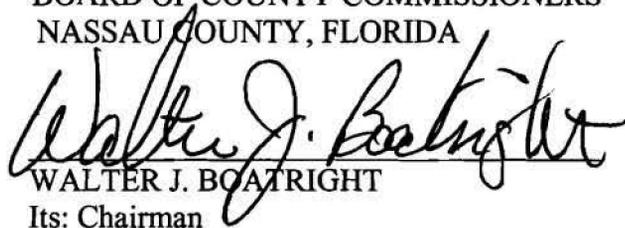
WHEREAS, on April 25, 2011, Thomas Kochheiser announced his retirement effective June 3, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Thomas B. Kochheiser will be deeply missed by those who had the honor to work with him, as well as the citizens of Nassau County.

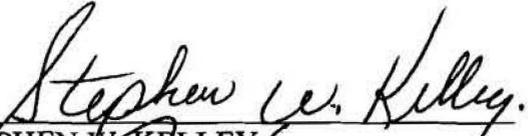
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 23rd day of May, 2011, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida as follows:

1. The Board publicly commends Thomas B. Kochheiser for his outstanding service and dedication to the citizens of Nassau County.
2. The Board acknowledges Thomas B. Kochheiser for his outstanding service to the Board of County Commissioners, as well as those who had the privilege to work with him.
3. The Board, on behalf of all the citizens of Nassau County, extends their sincere appreciation to Thomas B. Kochheiser for all he has done to make this a great County.

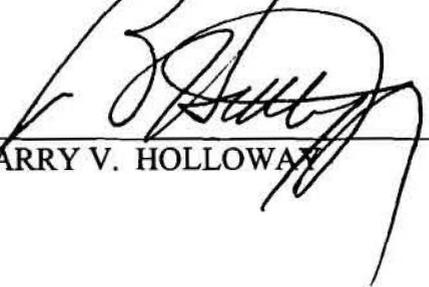
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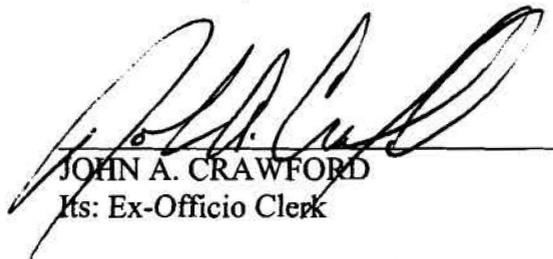

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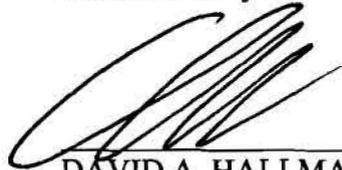

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Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney:


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