

RESOLUTION NO. 2014 -030

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING A NEW FERRY SERVICE TO THE CUMBERLAND ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE FROM FERNANDINA BEACH, FLORIDA.**

**WHEREAS**, in 2008 both the City of St. Marys, Georgia and Fernandina Beach, Florida agreed to establish a connection between the two cities; and

**WHEREAS**, as an independent business the direct ferry connection between St. Marys and Fernandina, regrettably, proved not to be economically sustainable; and

**WHEREAS**, establishing ferry connections between Fernandina Beach and Cumberland Island, and between Cumberland Island and St. Marys, could enable the two cities to re-connect to each other via waterborne means benefiting both commerce and travel for each respective City and State; and

**WHEREAS**, the County finds it beneficial to create a waterborne connection for the Florida and Georgia multi-use trail systems, thus closing an existing gap in the East Coast Greenway Trail System to further economic development and to realize bicycle access envisioned in the Nassau County Recreation Plan; and

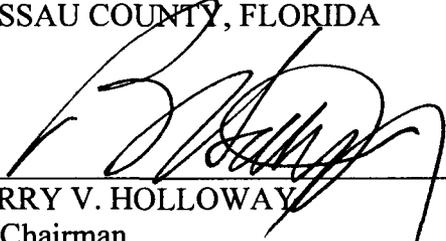
**WHEREAS**, the National Park Service and Adventure Cycling Association though a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) have previously agreed to promote bicycling use, support projects to advance the US bicycle route system, and seek ways to collaborate in accomplishment of trail projects; and

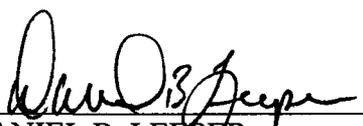
**WHEREAS**, Nassau County, in conjunction with the City of Fernandina Beach, is seeking to improve its status as a Bike Friendly Community and the ferry service enables Nassau County to further its trail network connections.

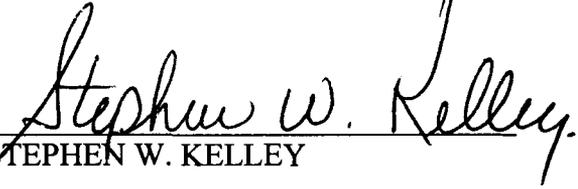
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

1. Nassau County supports and encourages the National Park Service to incorporate the City of Fernandina Beach as a ferry location to/from Cumberland Island National Seashore in its 2014 Cumberland Island National Seashore Foundation Plan.
2. Ferry operations permit passengers to use Cumberland Island as both a destination and as an en route location, thus permitting transit between St. Marys and Fernandina Beach via Cumberland Island; and that the carriage of bicycles via the ferry also be permitted.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

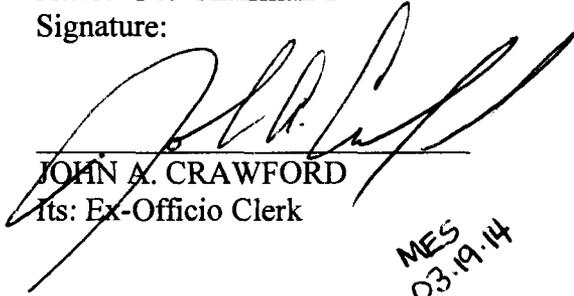
  
BARRY V. HOLLOWAY  
Its: Chairman

  
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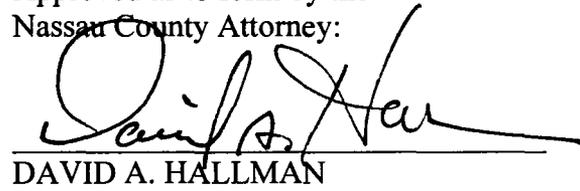
  
PAT EDWARDS

Attest as to Chairman's  
Signature:

  
JOHN A. CRAWFORD  
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

  
WALTER J. BOATRIGHT

Approved as to form by the  
Nassau County Attorney:

  
DAVID A. HALLMAN

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