

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-130

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, COMMEMORATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UF/IFAS NASSAU COUNTY DEMONSTRATION GARDEN AT THE JAMES S. PAGE GOVERNMENTAL COMPLEX.

WHEREAS, 10 years ago, on September 30, the UF/IFAS Nassau County Demonstration Garden was established at the James S. Page Governmental Complex; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Demonstration Garden is to show examples of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Northeast Florida landscapes, adopted from the University of Florida's "Florida Yards and Neighborhoods" program; and

WHEREAS, the UF/IFAS Nassau County Demonstration Gardens provide an opportunity for Nassau County residents, children and businesses to see the principles or Best Management Practices (BMP) of common landscape plants best suited for the Northeast Florida area. These principles include: water efficiently; 'Right Plant/Right Place'; mulching; recycling; attracting wildlife; fertilizing appropriately; reducing storm water runoff; protecting the waterfront; and managing yard pests responsibly; and

WHEREAS, the UF/IFAS Nassau Demonstration Gardens were installed by Nassau County Master Gardener volunteers, under the direction of Rebecca L. Jordi, now County Extension Director/Environmental Horticulture Agent IV, Nassau County Extension; and

WHEREAS, the UF/IFAS Nassau County Demonstration Garden is a collaborative effort between the University of Florida Institute of Food & Agricultural

Sciences (UF/IFAS), Nassau County Government and County Cooperative Extension;
and

WHEREAS, the following local businesses were founding supporters/sponsors of the UF/IFAS Nassau County Demonstration Gardens: Bridgeview Nursery & Garden Center, Fernandina Beach Mulch & Stone, Inc., Lowe's Home Improvement, Page's Landscape Nursery; and

WHEREAS, other local businesses, including Home Depot, Reflections of Nature, and Sanford Tree Service have provided in-kind services to support the UF/IFAS Nassau County Demonstration Gardens; and

WHEREAS, the UF/IFAS Nassau County Demonstration Gardens have earned local, state, regional and national awards: Certified Wildlife Habitat™; 2012 Search for Excellence award in Landscape Horticulture; 2012 FACAA Communications Award; 2008 Achievement Award National Association of Counties (NACo); 2006 Grand IMAGE Award Winner University of Florida/IFAS; and National Finalist for the NACAA's Search for Excellence in Landscape Horticulture.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 21st day of October, 2015, the Board hereby extends their greetings and best wishes to all commemorating this 10th anniversary of the establishing of the UF/IFAS Nassau County Demonstration Garden.

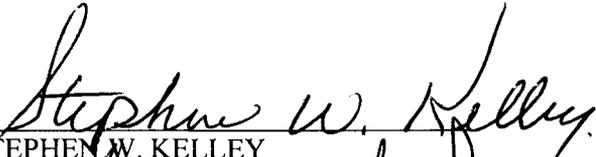
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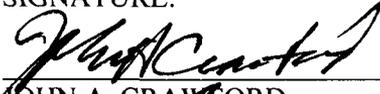

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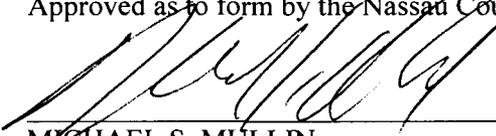

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