RESOLUTION NO. 2022-162

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 17, 2022, AS MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS WEEK IN NASSAU COUNTY

WHEREAS, September is annually recognized by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), Administration for Strategic Preparedness & Response (ASPR), and the State of Florida as National Preparedness Month to encourage citizens to prepare and plan for all emergencies in homes, businesses, and schools; and

WHEREAS, 2022 marks the 20th Anniversary the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), a national network of public health and medical volunteers established by President Bush in response to the 9/11 tragedy; and

WHEREAS, MRC volunteers augment local public health, medical, and emergency response services which are vital to all communities; and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Director of Emergency Management officially established Nassau County MRC, the only MRC unit recognized nationally in all of NE Florida, in the first months of 2020; and

WHEREAS, volunteer members of the Nassau County MRC have since provided more than 20,000 hours of testing, vaccination, contact tracing, and call-center service hours during the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic response; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County MRC unit has been awarded \$15,000 in grants to increase local emergency preparedness and implement a local Lifesavers program to provide free public health education, opioid awareness, and lifesaving skills training for the whole community; and

WHEREAS, civilian hazard awareness and preparedness training is proven to dramatically improve the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury and increase overall community resilience; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of the leaders and members of Nassau County's MRC unit by designating Medical Reserve Corps Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 12th day of September, 2022, by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) of Nassau County, Florida, that:

1. The BOCC recognizes the Nassau County MRC as a valuable public health and emergency response asset to the whole community.

2. The BOCC commends Nassau County MRC's leadership for their organizational accomplishments, and extends its gratitude to the unit's volunteer healthcare providers and educators for their continued service to the residents of Nassau County.

3. The BOCC hereby proclaims the week of September 11-17, 2022, as Medical Reserve Corps Week in Nassau County.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

JEFF GRAY Its: Chairman

ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE

JOHN A. CRAWFORD Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney

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