RESOLUTION 2023 - 112

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF JUNE 1 THROUGH JUNE 7, 2023, AS CPR & AED AWARENESS WEEK IN NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the first week of June is recognized annually by the American Heart Association as National CPR and AED Awareness Week to spotlight how lives can be saved if more Americans know how to administer Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED); and

WHEREAS, more than 350,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, 70 percent of those out-of-hospital cardiac arrests happen in the home; and

WHEREAS, about 90 percent of people who suffer out-of-hospital cardiac arrests die; and

WHEREAS, a cardiac arrest victim's chance of survival more than doubles if a bystander immediately performs hands-only CPR; and

WHEREAS, regional CPR and AED training programs have proven to dramatically improve the survival and recovery rate of cardiac arrest victims within those areas; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) has spearheaded a free Hands-Only CPR & AED public education program that has already trained more than 800 Nassau County residents; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value of the Nassau County MRC's Lifesavers Initiative outreach program by designating the first week of June as CPR and AED Awareness Week in Nassau County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 22nd day of May, 2023, by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) of Nassau County, Florida, that:

- 1. The BOCC recognizes the Nassau County MRC unit as a valuable public health and emergency response asset to the whole community.
- 2. The BOCC commends Nassau County MRC's leadership for organizing a free educational outreach program for all ages that will improve local cardiac arrest survival rates among our residents.
- The BOCC extends its gratitude to the Nassau County MRC's volunteer healthcare providers and educators for their continued service to the residents of Nassau County.
- 4. The BOCC hereby proclaims the week of June 1-7, 2023, as CPR and AED Awareness Week in Nassau County.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

KLYNT A. FARMER

Chairman

Attesting as to Chairman's

Signature:

JOHN A. CRAWFORD

Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney:

DENISE C. MAY