

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, CELEBRATING AMELIA ISLAND  
MONTESSORI'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, the Amelia Island Montessori School was established in Nassau County in 1973; and

**WHEREAS**, Montessori education not only exists in our own community, but nationally and internationally; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Maria Montessori, the first female physician in Italy, is credited with the development of the open classroom, individualized education, manipulative learning materials and programmed instruction; and

**WHEREAS**, The Montessori Method of teaching began in the early part of the Century in the worst tenement of Rome, but quickly grew and expanded throughout Europe and into North America by the mid-1920s; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Montessori's teaching methods, once underappreciated and misunderstood, have now been recognized and accepted as a benchmark for excellence in educating children ages 18 months to 12 years; and

**WHEREAS**, here in Nassau County, Amelia Island Montessori School has educated our children through Dr. Montessori's methods for over 50 years beginning in 1973; and

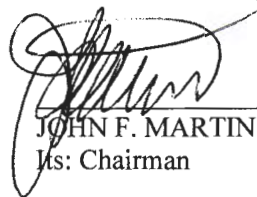
**WHEREAS**, a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation, some of them children of alumnae, are continuing their life's journey through discovery, while developing their character and values, self-image, skills, knowledge, and appreciation of the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Montessori stated "the education of a child does not aim at preparing them for school, but for life, and the unknown energy that can help the world, is that which is hidden in the child"; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Nassau County desire to celebrate and honor Dr. Montessori as well as the local Faculty and Administrators of Amelia Island Montessori School for their teachings, and their lifelong education of our children.

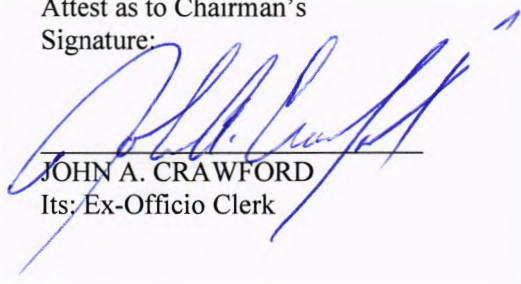
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024, hereby recognizes the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Amelia Island Montessori School and encourages all our citizens to reflect on the teachings of Dr. Maria Montessori and the benefit of the school to our community.

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NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



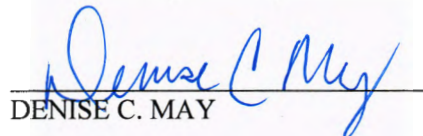
JOHN F. MARTIN  
Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's  
Signature:



JOHN A. CRAWFORD  
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the  
Nassau County Attorney:



DENISE C. MAY