IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the Honorable Robert Edward Williams moved to Nassau County in 1968, and taught Algebra, French, Civics and Reading at Hilliard Middle/High School for four years; and

Whereas, Judge Williams was Hilliard Teacher of the Year in 1971 and 1972, Nassau County Teacher of the Year in 1971, and First Runner-Up Florida Teacher of the year in 1971; and

Whereas, Judge Williams became the first prosecutor based in Nassau County in 1972; and Whereas, Judge Williams was elected in 1984, and served as County and Juvenile Judge of Nassau County for the next twenty-two years until his retirement in 2007; and

Whereas, Judge Williams became a pillar of Nassau County and served on numerous civic boards and organizations, and participated in a wide variety of community activities, all too numerous to name here; and

Whereas, Judge Williams founded Nassau County's Teen Court in 1998, and he has had a positive and long-lasting impact on the many, many Teens appearing and participating in Teen Court; and

Whereas, Judge Williams presided over Juvenile Delinquency Court for over two decades and his concern and wise decisions had positive life-changing effects on the juveniles and their families; and

Whereas Judge Williams was awarded the 2007 "Volunteer of the Year" award in recognition of his four decades of service to the people of Nassau County; and

Whereas, Judge Williams should be recognized for his commitment to the safety and well-being of the citizens of Nassau County and his faithful and selfless contributions to Nassau County; and

Whereas, Judge Williams has contributed greatly to making Nassau County a richer, safer and better place for all due to his presence and work in our community; and

Whereas, it is fit and proper to honor the fifty years of service and contributions of one of Nassau County's greatest citizens, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

The flags at the Historic Courthouse, the Robert M. Foster Justice Center, the James S. Page Governmental Complex, and all other Nassau County buildings shall be flown at half-mast in memory of the Honorable Robert Edward Williams until sunset on September 22, 2018.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Robert M. Foster Justice Center, Yulee, Nassau County, Florida, this 14th day of September, 2018.

ROBERT M. FOSTER ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

