

A PROCLAMATION OF THE NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, HONORING THE LIFE OF DAVID BERKMAN.

WHEREAS, David Berkman was born on February 5, 1931 in Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from Grady High School in Atlanta, GA, David Berkman attended Georgia State University where he majored in Business Administration. However, David always wanted to be involved in Real Estate and was quoted as saying, “It works for you 7 days a Week!”; and

WHEREAS, for over 60 years, David Berkman was successful in many areas of real estate including buying, selling, and development of land and apartment communities in Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, Alabama, and Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in addition to real estate, David Berkman had many passions including his devotion for his wife of 68 years, Betty, their children, Sherry Jennings and Steven Berkman, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, David Berkman was also an avid sports fan. He owned the Atlanta Knights Hockey Team which won the Turner Cup in 1994. He was also a partner and CEO of the Jacksonville Lizard Kings, Birmingham Bulls and the Pensacola Ice Pilots of the East Coast Hockey League, as well as the Jacksonville Tomcats, Birmingham Steeldogs, and the Pensacola Barracudas of the AFI 2 Football League; and

WHEREAS, David Berkman believed in giving back to his community and was a very generous donor to many charitable organizations. His most proud opportunity was sponsoring the Berkman Building at Baptist-Nassau Hospital which consists of a 49,000 square foot, 48-bed patient wing to the existing hospital facility, expanding care opportunities for Nassau County residents; and

WHEREAS; David Berkman passed away on September 3, 2021 at home surrounded by his wife and children; and

WHEREAS, Betty Berkman has made it her mission to continue David Berkman's efforts in giving back to the community in his honor; and


WHEREAS, Betty Berkman has given generously in recent years, making major contributions to the quality-of-life for Nassau County residents including:

- A donation to the McArthur Family YMCA to assist with plans to expand its youth programs
- A donation to the City of Fernandina Beach for construction of a new playground for Teddy Bear Playground at Central Park
- A donation to the Council on Aging for an outdoor pavilion and memorial garden
- A donation to the Boys & Girls Club for a new Teen Center and scholarship program
- A donation to Barnabas Center for their Dental Clinic
- A donation to Nassau Habitat for Humanity for construction of "Berkman Place", a site with new affordable homes in Fernandina Beach.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes Betty Berkman's efforts in maintaining David Berkman's legacy of kindness, generosity, and selflessness and appreciates everything she has done for the community.

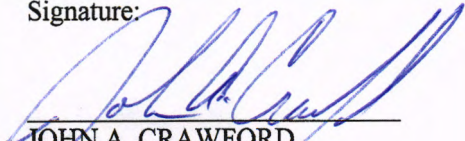
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, on this 11th day of March 2024, hereby extends its sincere gratitude to the David and Betty Berkman for their commitment to serve children, families and the community they love.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



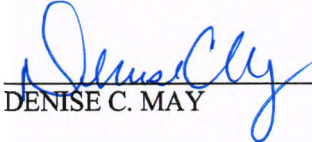
JOHN F. MARTIN
Its: Chairman

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