

Emily's Promise
PROCLAMATION
Emily Adkins Blood Clot Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the organization Emily's Promise works with medical professionals and the public to educate Floridians about the potentially life-threatening risks associated with blood clots; and

WHEREAS, October represents the month that the namesake of Emily's Promise, Emily Adkins, passed away in 2022 on the 21st day of the month from a pulmonary embolism resulting from a preventable blood clot; and

WHEREAS, Emily Adkins was a rising star in Nassau County health care, an engaged volunteer in the community, and a graduate from Fernandina Beach High School and The University of North Florida; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Blood Clot Alliance, an estimated 900,000 individuals within the United States are affected and 100,000 are killed by preventable blood clots annually; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, blood clots can affect any individual at any age through various risk factors, such as surgery, pregnancy, and cancer treatment – killing more Americans than car crashes, AIDS, and breast cancer combined; and

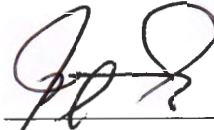
WHEREAS, advocacy efforts by Emily's Promise following Emily's death led to the formal enactment of the Emily Adkins Prevention Act, requiring the establishment of a policy workgroup by the Secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration, in conjunction with the State Surgeon General, to enhance the detection of blood clots in Florida; and,

WHEREAS, by recognizing emerging medical advancements, such as medical thrombectomy, used to treat, detect, and remove blood clots, more individuals will become aware of preventative measures available to help detect blood clots; and,

WHEREAS, Emily's Promise continues its work to educate the public, acknowledge the importance of preventive such measures as the use of the Caprini Risk Score to assess if an individual's blood clot risk, address the significance of establishing a blood clot prevention plan with medical providers, and advocate for treatments that will save the lives of those experiencing blood clots;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida do hereby proclaim October 2023 as "Emily Adkins Blood Clot Awareness Month" and urge experts in the field and leaders in Nassau County, Florida to dedicate their time and knowledge to spreading awareness and educating the public of the severity and potential fatality of blood clots and how they can be prevented.

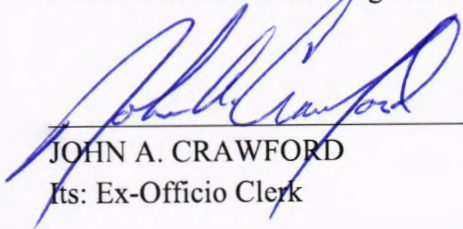
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NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



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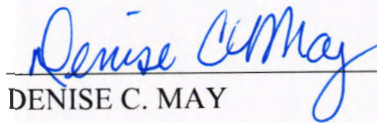
Attest as to Chairman's Signature:



JOHN A. CRAWFORD

Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

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Nassau County Attorney:



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