RESOLUTION NO. 2022- 05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING THE 31st OF JANUARY, 2022 AS "*AMERICAN BEACH DAY*."

WHEREAS, American Beach, an African American enclave on Amelia Island in Nassau County, Florida, was founded on January 31, 1935 by the Pension Bureau of the Afro-American Life Insurance Company for the purpose of developing an oceanfront resort for its employees and shareholders; and

WHEREAS, 2022 marks the 87th anniversary of the founding of American Beach; and

WHEREAS, during the period of racial segregation in America, American Beach became known to hundreds of thousands as the Negro Playground, and was a home in Paradise to many; and

WHEREAS, since 1982 property owners assumed leadership for the community and began a neighborhood association; through the efforts of the American Beach Property Owners' Association, Inc., a state historic survey of homes and structures on American Beach was completed; and

WHEREAS, after a thorough and certified documentation conducted by the American Beach Property Owners' Association, Inc., American Beach, since January 28, 2002 has been listed as the American Beach Historic District in the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the American Beach Property Owners' Association, Inc., as custodian of this natural landmark, takes pride and responsibility in the care, preservation and well being of the American Beach community; and

WHEREAS, the American Beach Property Owners' Association, Inc., the entire American Beach community and all those who contribute to the preservation and longevity of this unique community are to be applauded and praised for keeping the dream alive for eighty-five continuous years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 19th day of January, 2022, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

1. January 31, 2022, is hereby proclaimed as ***AMERICAN BEACH DAY*** in Nassau County, Florida.

2. The Board hereby applauds every resident of the community who has contributed their hearts and souls toward making American Beach the truly historic jewel that it has been and continues to be.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

Aaron C. Bell
Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's
Signature:

JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney:

MICHAEL S. MULLIN