

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 004**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING THE 31<sup>ST</sup> OF  
JANUARY 2023 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**, 2023 marks the 88<sup>th</sup> 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-eight continuous years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 23rd day of January, 2023, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

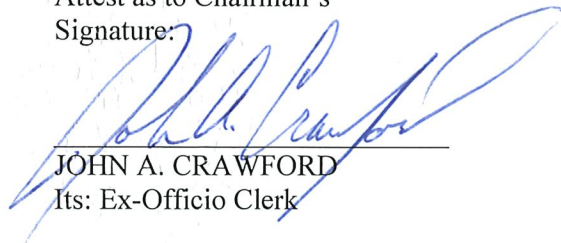
1. January 31, 2023, is hereby proclaimed as *AMERICAN BEACH DAY* in Nassau County, Florida.
2. The Board hereby applauds every resident of the community who has contributed their hearts and souls toward making American Beach the truly historic jewel that it has been and continues to be.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



Klynt A. Farmer  
Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's  
Signature:

  
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JOHN A. CRAWFORD  
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the  
Nassau County Attorney:

  
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DENISE C. MAY