

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, COMMENDING HENRY GREEN FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, Henry Green is a life-long resident of Fernandina Beach who faced adversity and challenges throughout his childhood; and

WHEREAS, by the time he was a teenager, Henry Green had turned to drugs and alcohol as a mechanism to deal with his sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Henry Green was in and out of rehab centers and often found himself jobless and homeless; and

WHEREAS, on July 22, 1988, Henry Green hit rock bottom and made the decision to get sober; and

WHEREAS, Henry Green attended Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous Meetings, completing the twelve-step program and reconciling with friends and family that he had hurt throughout his years of addiction; and

WHEREAS in 1989, Henry Green started the first Narcotics Anonymous meeting in Fernandina Beach and hosted the first Narcotics Anonymous Luau, which remains a popular community event to this day; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Henry Green became employed at Charter by the Sea as an Addiction Specialist and later became a regular speaker at universities and conferences

throughout the southeast, sharing his story of addiction and recovery. He also recently had a book published about his life titled, “Saved by Grace, Full of Gratitude. The Recovery of Henry Green”; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Henry Green founded and incorporated the New Found Freedom House and opened three homes for recovering addicts to reside while they get back on their feet. They are provided clothing, food and shelter and must adhere to curfews, have drug screenings and attending A.A. and/or N.A. meetings; and

WHEREAS, Henry Green’s efforts continue to reach more people in the community as the Clerk’s Office refers individuals through the Veterans Court, Drug Court and Mental Health Court; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 350 individuals have been served by Henry Green’s program and received the love and guidance needed to help them recover.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau

County, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 2020 that:

1. The Board commends Henry Green for overcoming adversity and using his personal experiences to help others recover from addiction.
2. The Board extends their gratitude to Henry Green for providing shelter to residents in recovery, as well as to residents seeking relief from the cold.
3. The Board extends their best wishes to Henry Green and his mission to helping addicts “find freedom, restore dignity and live life”.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

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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