A PROCLAMATION OF THE NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, CELEBRATING NASSAU COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Nassau County Council on Aging was formed in February 1974; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County Council on Aging is a non-profit 501(c)(3) with a mission to enhance the lives of older adults through services and compassionate care designed to improve the health, independence and economic security of all Nassau County seniors and their families; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County Council on Aging has matched the senior population growth in Nassau County with seniors comprising nearly 30% of our county with 8-11% of seniors living at or below poverty level; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County Council on Aging's programs enable those 60 and older to live independently at home while also providing opportunities for socialization, and activities geared toward the needs of seniors; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County Council on Aging's early services met seniors' immediate needs such as household chores, meals, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County Council on Aging currently delivers critical services in several categories such as Nutrition, Adult Day HealthCare, Advocate Home HealthCare, Transportation, CHORE (small home repair), Support Groups, Educational Platforms, Senior Life Centers and Volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County Council on Aging receives funding through federal, state and local grants as well as donations from corporations and individuals; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Nassau County Council on Aging provided more than 45,000 meals to seniors, assisted with 22,000 hours of personal care, companionship, shopping and caregiver respite, provided 52,000 trips with 23 vehicles, and had nearly 300 volunteers provided 10,274 hours of service to Nassau County seniors; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County Council on Aging has received the Bank of America's Neighborhood Builders award for Northeast Florida, been named Nonprofit of the Year by the Nassau County Chamber of Commerce, and has received the Community Service Award from the Fernandina Beach Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County Council on Aging is looking forward to its next 50 years of providing targeted services of comprehensive, compassionate care that not only foster independence, but also help clients remain active, valued members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Council on Aging will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on February 15, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, on this 12th day of February 2024, hereby extends its sincere congratulations to Nassau County Council on Aging on their 50th Anniversary and thanks them for their long-time service and dedication to the residents of Nassau County, Florida.

> BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

JOHN F. MARTIN Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's Signature:

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney:

JOHN A. CRAWFORD Its: Ex-Officio Clerk DENISE C. MAY