

PROCLAMATION

of the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida

declaring the month of April as

Election Worker Appreciation Month

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 4 of the United States Constitution requires the United States to guarantee to the states a republican form of government; and

WHEREAS, this constitutionally mandated republican form of government is one in which the people govern through elections; and

WHEREAS, in *Wesberry v. Sanders*, Justice Hugo Black wrote that “No right is more precious in a free country than that of having a voice in the election of those who make the laws under which, as good citizens, we must live. Other rights, even the most basic, are illusory if the right to vote is undermined”; and

WHEREAS, the Fifteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution is enforced by the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and provides that the right of the citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude; and

WHEREAS, the Nineteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution provides that the right of the citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged on account of sex; and

WHEREAS, in the words of Lyndon B. Johnson, “the vote is the most powerful instrument ever devised by man for breaking down injustice and destroying the terrible walls which imprison men because they are different from other men”; and

WHEREAS, elections serve as a beacon of freedom and fairness and the conscientious efforts of Nassau County Election Workers make safe, accurate, and secure elections possible; and

WHEREAS, a public office is a public trust, and the knowledge, skills, and competence demonstrated by Election Workers strengthens the trust and confidence that Nassau County voters have in our elections; and

WHEREAS, 374 election workers served Nassau County voters during the 2024 Elections serving as clerks, assistant clerks, voting system specialists, assistant voting system specialists, EViD operators, deputies, early voting couriers, survey specialists, line attendants, secure ballot intake station attendants, canvassing board opening teams, and election technicians; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County Election Workers assist with equipment testing, precinct cabinet assembly, polling place set up, supervised voting, and canvassing board activities and assisted the historic voter turnout of 85.51% in the 2024 General Election; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County Election Workers participate in local outreach events and voter registration drives throughout the year and we wish to recognize and thank all Nassau County Election Workers who demonstrate a true commitment to serving voters and showing kindness through their service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED this 16th day of April 2025, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

1. The Board hereby proclaims the month of April 2025, as Election Worker Appreciation Month in Nassau County, Florida.
2. The Board acknowledges and commends the many individuals who lend their time, skill, and effort to make extraordinary contributions to voters in Nassau County.

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