**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
**MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER _____**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DIRECTING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS LEADING TO AN AGREEMENT TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT A NEW MEDICAL EXAMINER FACILITY AND TO SUPPORT REQUESTS FOR STATE AND FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**WHEREAS,** effective October 1, 2018, the District 19 Counties (collectively Indian River County, Martin County, Okeechobee County and St. Lucie County) entered into a Second Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement ("Agreement") that provides for cost sharing of medical examiner services and related matters; and

**WHEREAS,** the Medical Examiner for District 19 has declared a need for a new facility to properly complete her statutory duties; and

**WHEREAS,** Section 406.08(5), Florida Statutes, provides that autopsy and laboratory facilities utilized by the district medical examiner or his or her associates may be provided on a permanent or contractual basis by the counties within the district; and

**WHEREAS,** a Medical Examiner's Advisory Task Force that included representatives from the District 19 Counties was created to review the Medical Examiner's request for a new facility; and

**WHEREAS,** the Advisory Task Force has reviewed and supports the Medical Examiner's request for a new facility; and

**WHEREAS,** the Medical Examiner's facility is a regional resource that supports services in the four counties within District 19; and

**WHEREAS,** Section 406.02(4)(c), Florida Statutes, provides that the Medical Examiners Commission shall oversee the distribution of state funds for the medical examiner districts, and

**WHEREAS**, the District Board of Trustees of Indian River State College ("Trustees") has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the District 19 Medical Examiner wherein the Trustees have agreed to negotiate a long term lease of 2 acres of Trustees owned land for the construction of a new Medical Examiner's facility; and

**WHEREAS,** St. Lucie County is willing to serve as the contract manager in the procurement process leading to the design and construction of a new medical examiner facility and Martin County agrees to have St. Lucie County serve as the contract manager; and

**WHEREAS,** Martin County conceptually agrees to utilize the funding formula set out in the Agreement referenced above to allocate funding for the design and construction of a new medical examiner facility; and

**WHEREAS,** Martin County supports requesting state and federal funding to assist in financing the cost of designing and constructing a new medical examiner facility; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Martin County, Florida to support funding sources for the design and construction of a new medical examiner facility as set out above.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners, Martin County, Florida**:**

1. This Board adopts and ratifies those matters set forth in the foregoing recitals.

2. The County Administrator is directed to enter into discussions with the other District 19 Counties, the Medical Examiner and the Trustees leading to an agreement to conduct a needs assessment, design and construct a new medical examiner facility to be located on the campus of Indian River State College in Fort Pierce, Florida.

3. The County Administrator is directed to support and submit requests for state and federal funding to assist in funding the cost of designing and constructing a new medical examiner facility.

4. This resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF MAY 2022.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

CAROLYN TIMMANN, CLERK OF THE
CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

DOUG SMITH, CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGAL
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SARAH W. WOODS, COUNTY ATTORNEY