

CITY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM  
City of Fernandina Beach



SUBJECT: **Proclamation**  
Take Stock in Children Month

ITEM TYPE:  Ordinance  Resolution  Other  
 Proclamation  Presentation

REQUESTED ACTION: Presentation

SYNOPSIS: This Proclamation recognizes the month of March 2017 as "Take Stock in Children Month."

Take Stock in Children of Nassau County, Inc., Executive Director Andrea Cummings, Executive Board President Robert Henderson and Development Chair Dee Torre will be present to accept the Proclamation.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

2016/2017 CITY COMMISSION GOALS:  
(As approved by Resolution 2016-51)

<input type="checkbox"/> Beach Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Alachua Street
<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer Field Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater
<input type="checkbox"/> Downtown Density	<input type="checkbox"/> Opportunity
<input type="checkbox"/> ADA Improvements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Departmental
<input type="checkbox"/> Consideration	

CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS: N/A

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION(S): N/A

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR	Submitted by: Caroline Best <i>CBest</i> City Clerk	Date: 1/26/17
CONTROLLER	Approved as to Budget Compliance	Date:
CITY ATTORNEY	Approved as to Form and Legality	Date:
CITY MANAGER	Approved Agenda Item for 2/21/17 <i>DLM</i>	Date: 1/26/17

COMMISSION ACTION:  Approved As Recommended  Disapproved  
 Approved With Modification  Postponed to Time Certain  
 Other  Tabled

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Take Stock in Children of Nassau County, Inc. was established in 1997 as a non-profit organization which provides a unique educational opportunity for deserving, academically talented, low-income students (many from minority families) to escape the cycle of poverty through learning; and

**WHEREAS**, Take Stock in Children of Nassau County, Inc. offers area students college scholarships, dedicated mentors and hope for a better life. The program's comprehensive services begin in middle school, continue through high school and include the transition into college; and

**WHEREAS**, Take Stock in Children is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year of service in Nassau County. Their mission, "Keep the Promise," has delivered mentoring and complimentary college scholarships to more than 500 Nassau County students. This innovative and transformative program is a life-changing opportunity for students who would likely not graduate High School and go to higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, Take Stock in Children participants are actively engaged in a rigorous education program which maintains high expectations and accountability among all participants. Each student must sign a contract committing to abide by the program's fundamental rules: stay in school, maintain good grades, attend weekly mentor meetings, remain drug and crime free, and exhibit good citizenship; and

**WHEREAS** within eight area Nassau County schools, Take Stock in Children volunteers aggressively promote 100% high school graduation rates, offer invaluable scholastic guidance and expert college success preparation. Presently, the organization is mentoring 137 Nassau County students in pre-college and 135 Nassau County program participants are in college with tuition paid entirely by Take Stock in Children of Nassau County, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, for the past twenty years, Take Stock in Children has worked diligently to increase its funding in support of low-income children, until all who are academically and financially eligible can participate. The college scholarship monies collected by Take Stock in Children are matched by the great State of Florida making the value of local scholarship donations total 200%.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, by the City of Fernandina Beach, Florida, that the month of March 2017, be celebrated as:

## **"TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN MONTH"**

and hereby encourage all citizens to attend celebrations which will begin March 2, 2017, with the "First Annual St. Patrick's Day Light Up a Life Gala" and "Silent Auction" at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I, Robin C. Lentz, hereunto set my hand and cause the Official Seal of the City of Fernandina Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 21st day of February, 2017.

CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH

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ROBIN C. LENTZ  
Mayor - Commissioner