

WHEREAS, Ion Voltaire Sancho was elected Leon County Supervisor of Elections in 1988, was re-elected four times, and is now serving his fifth term; and

WHEREAS, having witnessed the serious consequences of botched elections and motivated by a belief that election officials are the "Gatekeepers of Democracy," Ion Sancho became the nation's leading voter advocate during many controversial elections systems issues; and

WHEREAS, Ion Sancho was courageous and tireless in researching the vulnerability of paperless touch-screen voting machines, and in insisting on a paper trail to ensure accurate voting outcomes, he inspired local, state and national attention; and

WHEREAS, in spite of intense political pressure, Ion Sancho stood firm in his finding that optical-scan voting devices were subject to failure and manipulation that would compromise voting results; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 Florida Legislature voted in agreement with Ion Sancho in mandating a paper trail for all Florida elections;

WHEREAS, Ion Sancho's accomplishments are numerous, and his courage in defending the sanctity of the vote is visible to all.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA that

Ion Voltaire Sancho

is honoured as a man of action and integrity, whose expertise in elections protocol and commitment to true and accurate voting results is widely recognized and respected.

Dated this 26th of June, A.D., 2007.