

Proclamation



The Miami-Dade County Office of the Mayor and Board of County Commissioners

Whereas: This year marks a significant historical milestone for the State of Florida, as it celebrates the 500th Anniversary of Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon's landing on the coast of Florida in April 1513; and

Whereas: Ponce de Leon was the first European explorer to document his voyage and bestowed the name La Florida on the new land in honor of the Spanish Feast of the Flowers; and

Whereas: Florida's history dates back more than 12,000 years to the Native American tribes who preceded the Spanish explorers, and Ponce de Leon's voyage of discovery began a new era in which native people, Europeans, and other nationalities under many different flags formed the foundation that created the state of Florida; and

Whereas: A countless number of different cultures have contributed to Florida's heritage and continue to live, work, and thrive together today; and

Whereas: The Florida Department of State designated 2013 as "Viva Florida 500!" to celebrate the legacy of Spanish Florida and the achievements of all who have contributed to Florida's dynamic growth, rich diversity, and economic prosperity, therefore, it is only fitting that Miami-Dade County also commemorate this observance;


Now Therefore: **BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, CARLOS A. GIMENEZ, MAYOR OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, CHAIRWOMAN REBECA SOSA AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THIS COMMUNITY, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, April 3, 2013, as**

Viva Florida 500! Day

In Observance I call upon the good people of Miami-Dade County to join me in encouraging our citizens to participate in the
Thereof: many enriching programs and events planned in honor of this great milestone.




Rebeca Sosa
Chairwoman


Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor