



PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING APRIL 2, 2013 AS VIVA FLORIDA 500 CELEBRATION DAY IN NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA

WHEREAS, on April 2, 1513, Juan Ponce de León landed on the east coast of Florida and became the first recorded European to set foot on the continental United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Viva Florida 500 in 2013 marks the 500 year anniversary of the arrival of Ponce de Leon in 1513; and

WHEREAS, the 500th anniversary of landing of Ponce de Leon is a fitting time to reflect on the dynamic culture, rich diversity and economic prosperity of Florida and with recognition that five flags have flown over Florida in as many centuries, while also being the home to Native Americans for at least 12,000 years.

WHEREAS, Viva Florida 500 will take place year-round in 2013, with its goal to promote 500 years of Florida history, its people, places and cultural achievements, and this important milestone in American and Florida history.

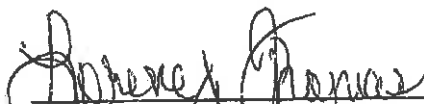
NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims April 2, 2013 as Viva Florida 500 Celebration Day throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 28th day of March 2013.

ATTEST:



Kenrick D. Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer



Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

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