

Resolution

Northeast Florida Regional Council

2012-6

Celebrating

The 450th Anniversary of the Landing of Jean Ribault on the Banks of the St. Johns River

WHEREAS, Jean Ribault, a renowned French navigator and sea captain, led the voyage from France to form a colony in the New World; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 1562, under the command of Ribault, the first French sailing expedition dropped anchor along the Northeast Coast of Florida at the mouth of a river that he later named River May and that has since been renamed the St. Johns River, and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 1562, Ribault and his oarsmen landed on the banks of the St. Johns River; and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 1562, Ribault and his men erected a column in honor of their King, Charles IX, thereby claiming the land for France; and

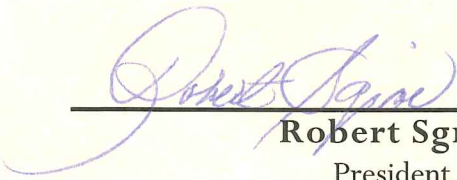
WHEREAS, Ribault's claim led to the establishment of La Caroline, the first French settlement in the present-day United States, created for the purpose of furthering individual and religious freedom in what is now Jacksonville, on June 22, 1564, under the leadership of René Goulaine de Laudonnière; and

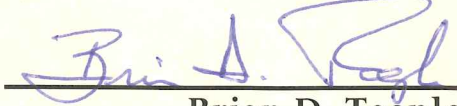
WHEREAS, these and other events have led to the great history of the Region, which we celebrate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Policy Body of the Northeast Florida Regional Council joins with the City of Jacksonville to celebrate the 450th Anniversary of the landing of Jean Ribault on the banks of the St. Johns River, and recognizes May 1, 2012 as Jean Ribault Day in Jacksonville and Northeast Florida.

Unanimously adopted by the Northeast Florida Regional Council in a regular meeting assembled in the City of Jacksonville, the fifth day of April, 2012.




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