

RESOLUTION 2012-03

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA'S CELEBRATION OF THE 450<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF JEAN RIBAUT IN NORTH EAST FLORIDA AND THE EVENTS THAT LED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRST EUROPEAN COLONY OF THOSE WHO WERE SEEKING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, BY DESIGNATING MAY 1, 2012 AS A DAY TO SUPPORT THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE IN THEIR CELEBRATION OF JEAN RIBAUT.**

**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 May 1, 1562, Ribault and his men, landing on the banks of the river they named as River May which later became known as the St. Johns River, where they uttered a prayer of thanksgiving and developed friendships with the Mocama speaking natives; 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,** Jacksonville, Florida shares with their sister city Nantes, France the celebration of events that led to the establishment of the first European colony in American for the purpose of religious freedom; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town Council of the Town of Penney Farms wishes to extend its support and congratulations to the City of Jacksonville, Florida during the 450<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PENNEY FARMS, FLORIDA** as follows:

- That the Town of Penney Farms hereby supports and acknowledges the City of Jacksonville Florida's Celebration of the 450<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Arrival of Jean Ribault by designating May 1, 2012 as a day to support the City of Jacksonville in their celebration of Jean Ribault.

**INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED** without dissent by the Town Council of the Town of Penney Farms in regular session this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 2012.

***SEAL***

ATTEST:

TOWN OF PENNEY FARMS

Sharon S. Music  
Sharon L. Music, Town Clerk

Paul A. Bue  
Paul A. Bue, Mayor