



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

May 1, 2012

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the City of Jacksonville's commemoration of the Sesquicentennial anniversary of French Huguenot Captain Jean Ribault's sailing into what we now call the St. John's River in 1562 and the beginning of French history in Florida.

This event features many celebrations and observances to commemorate the first arrival of French people in Florida. The French influence is prevalent throughout the state of Florida. Around 30,000 French nationals live in Florida, and every year hundreds of thousands of French tourists come to discover the Sunshine State. Thanks to the French loving friends of Latin-America and the multilingual Haitian population, Florida is one of the top French speaking states in the United States. I join with the city of Jacksonville and the rest of Florida in being very proud of this heritage.

This is a significant milestone in our history and I appreciate and thank all those who have worked so hard to commemorate this significant milestone in Florida's history.

Happy 450th Anniversary!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott  
Governor

City of Jacksonville, Florida