

PUTNAM COUNTY
PROCLAMATION NO. 2013-21

WHEREAS, 2013 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

WHEREAS, 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

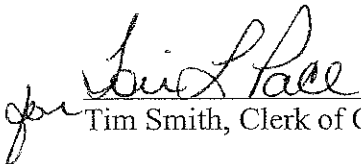
WHEREAS, The Florida Department of State designated 2013 as Viva Florida 500 to celebrate the legacy of Spanish Florida as well as the achievements of all who have contributed to Florida's dynamic growth, rich diversity and economic prosperity;

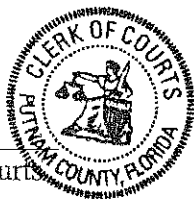
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Putnam County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and proclaim 2013 as FLORIDA'S 500 YEAR ANNIVERSARY in Putnam County and urges its citizens to celebrate Florida's 500 years of history and participate in Viva Florida 500 events and activities recognizing the important role Florida played in the story of our Nation's beginning in 1513.


DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, this 23rd day of April, 2013.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:


Tim Smith, Clerk of Courts




Nancy S. Harris, Chairman