



PROCLAMATION

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the Year 2011 marked the Sesquicentennial of the civil conflict that tore the nation in two; and

WHEREAS, the month of April is the time during which the Confederate States of America initiated and ended its four year struggle for a sovereign and independent nation; and

WHEREAS, in proportion to its population, the State of Florida lent more soldiers and sailors to the Confederate Cause than did any other Southern state; and

WHEREAS, April 26 has been designated by the laws of Florida as a legal holiday, a time in which to honor the memories of those who sacrificed their lives in the War Between the States; and

WHEREAS, as we recall the tragic events that took place between the years of 1861 and 1865, we do so in an attempt to gain a better understanding of the conflicting ideals and passions that pitted brother against brother and tore a nation apart;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us do hereby proclaim the month of April 2013 as

"CONFEDERATE HISTORY MONTH"

in Marion County and the Board urges all citizens, in solemnly contemplating the events of that time, to resolve to foster a climate in which all Americans live and work together in harmony in "one nation under God."

DULY PROCLAIMED this 7th day of May, 2013.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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Date: May 7, 2013



AGENDA ITEM

Marion County Commission

SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION - Confederate History Month (Approval Only)

**INITIATOR: Teresa Darnell
Executive Assistant**

DEPARTMENT: Commissioners Office

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND: See attached

BUDGET/IMPACT: None

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion for approval.

CLERK'S DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The Marion County Clerk of Circuit Court's office is a complex organization that performs a wide range of record keeping, information and financial management for the judicial system, the Board of County Commissioners, and most importantly, the citizens of Marion County.

The Clerk of Court, as an officer of the Marion County Court system, is responsible for maintaining court records with the utmost care and security. These court records include criminal felony and misdemeanor cases, civil, family, probate and small claims proceedings, juvenile cases, and traffic citations.

The Clerk of Court is the official recorder and custodian of all documents placed in the Marion County Official Records. The Official Records are a permanent repository of those documents which primarily relate to real estate transactions.

The Clerk issues marriage licenses.

The Clerk issues jury summons, requisitions and distributes payment of fees to jurors.

As Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, the Clerk attends all Board meetings, records the proceedings and maintains minutes of each meeting.

The Clerk serves as the chief financial officer of the county. In this capacity the clerk ensures that all expenditures of county funds are authorized by law.

The Clerk's office has been designated by the United States Department of State to receive and process passport applications and is the only agency in Marion County so empowered.

The Clerk serves as the Budget Officer for the Board of County Commissioners.

All records filed with the Clerk are available for public inspection during normal business hours with the exception of those records specifically exempt by judicial order or statute.