

Date: May 6, 2014



AGENDA ITEM

Marion County Commission

SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION - "Confederate History Month" (Ratification Only)

INITIATOR: Teresa Darnell
Executive Assistant

DEPARTMENT: Commissioners Office

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND: See attached

BUDGET/IMPACT: None

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion for ratification only



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 2014** 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 26th day of April, 2014.

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MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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