

Resolution

Northeast Florida Regional Council

2013-02

**Supporting the Dedication of APRIL 17, 2013 as
MILITARY FAMILY AND COMMUNITY COVENANT DAY**

WHEREAS, for more than 230 years, individuals from all walks of life have taken up arms and sworn an oath to support and defend the principles upon which our country was founded; and

WHEREAS, whether serving at home or abroad, Florida's active duty, reserve and National Guard military and civil servants, protect our homeland, respond to national disasters, assist humanitarian emergencies and protect against all threats foreign and domestic; and

WHEREAS, created in 2008, the United States Army Community Covenant program was designed to foster and sustain effective state and community partnerships with all of the armed services, improving the quality of life for service men and women and their families; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has conducted a statewide community covenant signing ceremony; and

WHEREAS, community support is essential to the readiness of the military and contributes to strengthening the resilience of U.S. military personnel; and

WHEREAS, Americans recognize that military personnel and their families make considerable sacrifices as they defend the Nation, as multiple long deployments, frequent moves, and visible/invisible wounds of war are a few of the unique stresses military families face; and

WHEREAS, today, Floridians support service members, veterans, and their families by stepping forward to help mitigate stresses associated with military life while also striving to inspire their fellow Americans to continue to recognize and support military and veteran families in their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northeast Florida Regional Council supports the dedication of April 17, 2013 as MILITARY FAMILY AND COMMUNITY COVENANT DAY and hereby expresses its unwavering support and admiration to all current and former military personnel for their true and faithful service and further recognize the tremendous sacrifices of their families.

Unanimously adopted by the Northeast Florida Regional Council in a regular meeting assembled in the City of Jacksonville, the seventh day of March, 2013.



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