

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members

AGENDA ITEM 6I

From: Staff

Date: December 13, 2013

Subject: Florida Military Family and Community Covenant Day Resolution

Introduction

In 2011, Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater sponsored a resolution at a Cabinet meeting designating April 17<sup>th</sup> as Military Family and Community Covenant Day in Florida. The resolution was adopted by the Governor and Cabinet. In 2013, the Florida League of Cities started a campaign to recruit 410 cities to join forces and recognize April 17<sup>th</sup> each year at the local government level as Military Family and Community Covenant day in Florida, a day to recognize and celebrate our military families.

The Florida Regional Councils Association has requested that all the regional planning councils pass a similar resolution. Attached is Resolution #13-03 by Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council supporting the dedication of April 17<sup>th</sup> as Florida Military Family and Community Covenant Day.

Recommendation

Council should approve Resolution #13-03 proclaiming April 17<sup>th</sup> as Florida Military Family and Community Covenant Day.

Attachment

## **RESOLUTION #13-03**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL REPRESENTING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OF INDIAN RIVER, MARTIN, PALM BEACH, AND ST. LUCIE COUNTIES, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE DEDICATION OF APRIL 17TH AS FLORIDA 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 state-wide 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 Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council hereby supports the dedication of April 17<sup>th</sup> as Florida Military Family and Community Covenant Day and hereby expresses 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.

**DULY ADOPTED** by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2013.

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Peter O'Bryan, TCRPC Chairman

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Michael J. Busha, Executive Director