

**CITY OF PALM BEACH GARDENS
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROCLAMATION**

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; 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; and,


WHEREAS, to commemorate this milestone, the City of Palm Beach Gardens, the residents and visitors are asked to participate in the many enriching programs and events planned in honor of Viva Florida 500 throughout 2013,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert G. Premuroso, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, do hereby proclaim the year of 2013 as:

THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EUROPEAN DISCOVERY OF FLORIDA

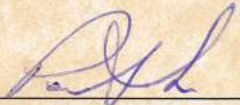


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, to be affixed on this 7th day of November in the year Two Thousand and Thirteen.



Mayor Robert G. Premuroso

Attest:



Patricia Snider, City Clerk, CMC