

1 Introduced by Council Member Yarborough & Co-sponsored by CM  
2 Anderson, Bishop, Boyer, Brown, Carter, Clark, Crescimbeni,  
3 Daniels, Gaffney, Gulliford, Holt, Jones, Joost, Lee, Love, Lumb,  
4 Redman, Schellenberg:

5 **RESOLUTION 2012-110-A**

6 A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 450<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
7 THE LANDING OF JEAN RIBAULT IN THE NEW WORLD;  
8 COMMEMORATING THE EVENTS THAT LED TO THE  
9 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRST EUROPEAN COLONY OF MEN  
10 AND WOMEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
11 RELIGIOUS FREEDOM; DESIGNATING MAY 1, 2012 AS  
12 JEAN RIBAULT DAY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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14 **WHEREAS**, Jean Ribault, a renowned French navigator and sea  
15 captain, led the voyage from France to form a colony in the New  
16 World; and

17 **WHEREAS**, on May 1, 1562, Ribault and his oarsmen landed on the  
18 banks of the majestic river which he named the River May and which  
19 we now know as the St. Johns River where he and his crew uttered  
20 the first Protestant prayers in the New World; and

21 **WHEREAS**, upon offering a prayer of thanksgiving for their safe  
22 arrival, Ribault developed friendships with the Mocama-speaking  
23 natives; and

24 **WHEREAS**, on May 2, 1562, Ribault and his men erected a column  
25 in honor of their King, Charles IX, thereby claiming the land for  
26 France; and

27 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville shares a Sister City relationship with  
28 Nantes, France, where in 1598 King Henry IV issued the Edict of  
29 Nantes which granted the Calvinist Protestants (also known as  
30 Huguenots) substantial civil and economic rights in the  
31 predominantly Roman Catholic kingdom, thus ending the "Wars of

1 Religion" that bedeviled France in the first half of the 16<sup>th</sup>  
2 century and promoting a more tolerant and inclusive society; and  
3 WHEREAS, the City of Jacksonville desires to celebrate with our  
4 sister city Nantes the events leading to the establishment of the  
5 first European colony in America; now therefore

6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

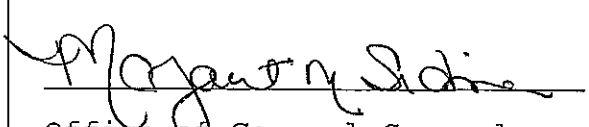
7 Section 1. Celebration. The City of Jacksonville hereby  
8 celebrates the 450<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the landing of Jean Ribault on  
9 the banks of the St. Johns River.

10 Section 2. Commemoration. The City of Jacksonville does  
11 hereby join with its sister city, Nantes, France, in commemorating  
12 the events that led to the establishment of the first European  
13 Colony of men and women established in America for the purpose of  
14 religious freedom.

15 Section 3. Designation. The Council does hereby  
16 designate May 1, 2012 as Jean Ribault Day in Jacksonville.

17 Section 4. Effective Date: This Resolution shall  
18 become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming  
19 effective without the Mayor's signature.

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21 Form Approved:

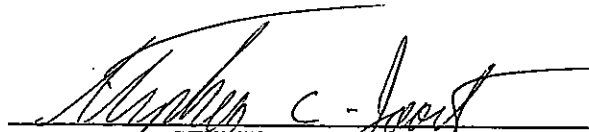
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24 Office of General Counsel

25 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION  
ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL

February 28, 2012

  
STEPHEN C. JOOST  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

APPROVED: MAR 02 2012

  
CHERYL L. BROWN  
COUNCIL SECRETARY

  
ALVIN BROWN, MAYOR



