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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Pensacola was founded by Spanish Conquistador Don Tristan DeLuna in 1559, thus making Pensacola America's first settlement;

WHEREAS, Don Tristan DeLuna was born in Borobia, Spain, and Borobia is the site of the tomb of the family of Tristan DeLuna. In July 2017, the Mayor of Borobia sent a formal letter of invitation to the City of Pensacola to join in a Sister City relationship;

WHEREAS, Pensacola's Fiesta of Five Flags is its oldest civic and historical organization, having been founded 69 years ago. Don Tristan DeLuna is Fiesta's central figure who is celebrated by the crowning of a community leader as DeLuna at the annual formal Coronation Ball;

WHEREAS, Fiesta is a community wide non-profit organization composed of hundreds of financial sponsors, dues paying members, and over 400 volunteers. In addition to the annual June celebration, which includes parades, a decorated yacht parade, a re-enactment of DeLuna's landing on Pensacola Beach by the Royal Court of DeLuna, his Queen, his Aide-de-Camp and a Padre', 10 local businessmen as Knights and 10 Princesses of young ladies, together with a Children's Court composed of 10 girls and 10 boys, all of whom pay substantial sums each to support Fiesta and its many activities and events, Fiesta also sponsors and produces the Annual Seafood Festival, Crawfish Festival, adult and children's treasure hunts. The Court also visits many local facilities which care for senior citizens, handicapped children, and other charitable events;

WHEREAS, the June Fiesta Celebration and other events are all open to the public, and many tourists, as well as local residents, participate or attend, all of which have a very substantial economic benefit to the Pensacola area. These events are also educational in that Pensacola's unique history is re-enacted and explained;

WHEREAS, in 2009, the 450th Anniversary of the founding of Pensacola by Don Tristan DeLuna, the King and Queen of Spain traveled to Pensacola for this important milestone. The Spanish tall ship training vessel "El Cano" has made five visits to Pensacola during the Fiesta Celebration. Many other representatives of Spain have visited Pensacola in recognition of the long and strong bond between Spain and Pensacola; and

WHEREAS, acceptance by Pensacola of the invitation of Borobia to join together as Sister Cities would serve to further enhance and strengthen the bonds between Spain and Pensacola.

WHEREFORE, Fiesta of Five Flags, its Executive Director, Officers and Board of Directors by this formal Resolution hereby request that the City of Pensacola, its Mayor and City Council promptly take all necessary actions to establish Pensacola and Borobia as Sister Cities, and that this Resolution be delivered to the Honorable Ashton Hayward, Mayor of Pensacola, and to the City Council.

Done this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

**FIESTA OF FIVE FLAGS**



**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name:** Shelby Daniels

**Attest:** Adelene J. Lovelace

**Print Name:** Adelene Lovelace