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Dear John,

It is my pleasure to announce that the Pensacola Sister Cities Board has approved the proposed Sister Cities relationship between Pensacola and Borobia, Spain. Sr. José Javier Gómez Pardo, Mayor of Borobia, has officially invited the City of Pensacola to join in this interaction, and we feel that the Fiesta of Five Flags is the appropriate entity to implement the proposal successfully. The historic connection is evident, as Borobia is the birthplace of Tristan de Luna, as well as his and his family's final resting place. The Fiesta is prominent throughout the Southeast for its development of historic, cultural, educational, and economic enrichment; this endeavor is another example of the outreach that will include all ages in the celebration of Pensacola's Spanish heritage.

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We anticipate growing awareness of the impact this will have on our community, considering the expansive research of the University of West Florida. The university is tireless in its constant search for more evidence of Pensacola's connection with Spain.

Onward.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nan Harper".

Nan Harper, President
Pensacola Sister Cities International

cc: Elaine Mager
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Pensacola City Council