



# MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #IV.B.1

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DATE: FEBRUARY 4, 2013  
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS  
FROM: STAFF  
SUBJECT: SFRPC PROCLAMATION

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Attached is a Proclamation by South Florida Regional Planning Council proclaiming April 17, 2013 as Military Family and Community Covenant Day. The Florida Regional Councils Association adopted a similar Proclamation at the Policy Board meeting held on January 11<sup>th</sup> in Tallahassee.

Recommendation

Approval of attached Proclamation.



# **PROCLAMATION**

## ***SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL PROCLAIMS APRIL 17, 2013 AS 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 South Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims April 17, 2013 as

### **MILITARY FAMILY AND COMMUNITY COVENANT DAY**

and hereby express their 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Florida Regional Planning Council, through the Florida Military Family and Community Covenant and Operation Strong Families, accepts the call to action to support and honor all service members, veterans and their families, past and present.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 4th day of February 2013.

ATTEST:

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James F. Murley, Executive Director

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Paul Wallace, Chair