

Add-on #1  
Comr. Robinson  
01-19-2012 BCC



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
Escambia County, Florida

**ORGANIZATION:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Grover C. Robinson, IV GCR  
District Four

**DATE:** January 17, 2012

**ISSUE:** Adoption of Proclamations

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board adopt the following five Proclamations:

- A. The Proclamation supporting Pray for Pensacola's fifth annual "40 Days of Prayer and Fasting" for Pensacola, Century and Escambia County;
- B. The Proclamation congratulating the General Daniel "Chappie" James Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academy for being recognized by the Gulf Power Company with a Power of Service Award;
- C. The Proclamation congratulating Chain Reaction for being recognized by the Gulf Power Company with a Power of Service Award;
- D. The Proclamation congratulating Students Taking Responsibility In Developing Excellence (STRIDE) for being recognized by the Gulf Power Company with a Power of Service Award; and
- E. The Proclamation congratulating Truth for Youth for being recognized by the Gulf Power Company with a Power of Service Award.

**BACKGROUND:**

Various departments, outside agencies, special interest groups, civic and religious organizations in recognition of specific events, occasions, people, etc., request proclamations.

Information provided on the Proclamations is furnished by the requesting parties and placed in the proper acceptable format for BCC approval by the County Administration staff. Board approval is required by Board Policy Section I, A(6).

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Attachment

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Pray for Pensacola's fifth annual "40 Days of Prayer and Fasting" for Pensacola, Century and Escambia County is being observed January 8 through February 17, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of Pray for Pensacola's "40 Days of Prayer and Fasting" is to bring together the churches of Escambia County, as well as business leaders, community leaders, lay leaders and families to pray for God's favor and Divine purpose to rest upon Escambia County; and

**WHEREAS**, Pray for Pensacola is sponsoring prayer specifically for the following requests: for God's wisdom and favor to rest with the County Commissioners and City Council members, in order that they may make laws and regulations that help every citizen fulfill God's purpose for their lives; to see an increase in the overall health of our County, including increased opportunities for work and business, economic growth, a high cure rate at our hospitals and better schools. Furthermore, we pray for our children, our foster children, our unborn children and every little one to find love in families, to be nurtured and cared for and that Escambia County would be a safe place, free from drugs, human trafficking, and alcohol addiction. We also pray for a lower crime rate and a hurricane-free season so that the visitors to our community, whether as tourists, students or military personnel, will be safe during their time here and can participate in the peaceful enjoyment of our County's natural resources. Finally, we pray that the churches of this County, as well as its pastors would have God's favor and anointing to preach the Gospel and would see an increase in church membership and that Escambia County would be known throughout the world as a County that trains and sends out pastors, church planters, missionaries and other leaders to build the kingdom of God.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida, wholeheartedly supports Pray for Pensacola's fifth annual "40 days of Prayer and Fasting" for Pensacola, Century and Escambia County and offers sincere gratitude to the organizers and participants of this event.

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**ATTEST: Ernie Lee Magaha  
Clerk of the Circuit Court**

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**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the General Daniel "Chappie" James Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academy, sponsored by the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals, was started in 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, the ACE Academy provides the first step for youth interested in careers in aviation and promotes Science, Technology, Engineering and Math by involving young boys and girls ages 13 to 17 in all levels of the aviation industry; and

**WHEREAS**, ACE Academy students receive intense classroom instruction, participate in field trips to aviation-related facilities and receive tours of areas the general public normally never see; and

**WHEREAS**, the ACE Academy offers an excellent gateway to introduce youth to the wonders of aviation. Students have the opportunity to fly simulators and also have an opportunity for an orientation flight in a Cessna aircraft, putting into practice the principles learned in the classroom; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 16, 2012, Gulf Power Company recognized the General Daniel "Chappie" James ACE Academy with a Power of Service Award.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida, honors and congratulates the General Daniel "Chappie" James ACE Academy and extends best wishes for the organization's continued success in making a difference in the lives of children here in Escambia County.

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**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Chain Reaction has provided students age thirteen to eighteen with meaningful volunteer opportunities since 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, Chain Reaction has worked with over 1,200 teens and has partnered with 130 different community agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, Chain Reaction offers teens the experience to volunteer with the arts, animals, children, senior citizens, environmental issues, government, sports, local festivals and fundraisers; and

**WHEREAS**, Chain Reaction seeks to develop teens into active citizens who recognize the significance of giving back and prepares them for their next journey after completing high school; and

**WHEREAS**, Chain Reaction teens have volunteered more than 69,000 hours of community service since 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 16, 2012, Gulf Power Company recognized Chain Reaction with a Power of Service Award.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida, honors and congratulates Chain Reaction and extends best wishes for Chain Reaction's continued success in making a difference in the lives of teens here in Escambia County.

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**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, *Students Taking Responsibility In Developing Excellence (STRIDE)*, provides services to middle school male students, by providing positive male role models, academic tutoring and character development; and

**WHEREAS**, *STRIDE* works with students to improve their performance on mandatory standardized tests and to improve their academic proficiency in the classroom; and

**WHEREAS**, *STRIDE* teaches students that making smart choices will increase the probability of each of them having a brighter future; and

**WHEREAS**, *STRIDE* works with students to improve their self-image, to resist negative peer pressure and to take responsibility for their individual actions; and

**WHEREAS**, *STRIDE* teaches students to respect authority, obey school rules, regulations and public laws; and

**WHEREAS**, *STRIDE* teaches these students eight core values: Loyalty, Honor, Duty, Integrity, Respect, Personal Courage, Selfless Service and Commitment; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 16, 2012, Gulf Power Company recognized *STRIDE* with a Power of Service Award.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida, honors and congratulates *STRIDE* and extends best wishes for *STRIDE*'s continued success in making a difference in the lives of middle school students here in Escambia County.

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**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Truth for Youth was founded by Reverend John Powell in January 1993; and

**WHEREAS**, Truth for Youth provides social, civic, educational, and recreational activities for inner-city, at-risk children ages six to sixteen; and

**WHEREAS**, Truth for Youth has an all volunteer staff comprised of concerned citizens, educators, and business leaders that give their time freely to make a difference in the lives of these children; and

**WHEREAS**, Truth for Youth promotes and encourages academic excellence, moral and civic responsibility, self-esteem, positive self-image, confidence, discipline and respect for others; and

**WHEREAS**, Truth for Youth advocates that success comes through hard work that can be achieved mentally, spiritually, physically, academically, socially and economically; and

**WHEREAS**, Truth for Youth provides numerous children's activities throughout the year, including an Easter Egg Hunt, Summer Youth Celebration, Lock-ins, Report Card Rallies, Essay Contest and outdoor movies; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 16, 2012, Gulf Power Company recognized Truth for Youth with a Power of Service Award.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida, honors and congratulates Truth for Youth and extends best wishes for Truth for Youth's continued success in making a difference in the lives of children here in Escambia County.

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