RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE TO RENAME THE SAN SEBASTIAN BRIDGE TO THE PONCE DE LEON BRIDGE IN HONOR OF THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF FLORIDA.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City of St. Augustine has requested that the County adopt a Resolution of support to rename the San Sebastian Bridge to the Ponce de Leon Bridge in honor of the 500th anniversary of the founding of Florida. A letter of request from the City Manager is attached hereto as Exhibit “A,” incorporated by reference and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, City Resolution No. 2013-13 was adopted on March 11, 2013 to endorse this change and State Representative Ronald “Doc” Renuart has agreed to sponsor a bill for the renaming as it moves through the House Committees in Tallahassee.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution and such recitals are adopted as findings of fact.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby supports the City of St. Augustine in renaming the San Sebastian Bridge to the Ponce de Leon Bridge and requests the support of State Representative Ronald “Doc” Renuart in supporting such legislation required to rename the bridge.

Section 3. To the extent that there are typographical, scriveners or administrative errors that do not change the tone, tenor, or concept of this Resolution, then this Resolution may be revised without subsequent approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 4. The Clerk of Court is instructed to file this Resolution in the Public Records of St. Johns County, Florida.
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of April, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: __________________________
    John H. Morris, Chair

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By: __________________________
    Deputy Clerk
March 12, 2013

Mr. Michael Wanchick
County Administrator
500 San Sebastian View
St. Augustine, FL 32084

RE: Support of a Resolution to Rename the Bridge over the San Sebastian River after Ponce de Leon, in honor of the 500th Anniversary of the Founding of Florida.

Dear Mr. Wanchick:

Please find enclosed Resolution 2013-13, a resolution of the City of St. Augustine supporting the renaming of the newly opened San Sebastian Bridge on State Road 5/U. S. Highway 1 as the Ponce de Leon Bridge, and including the Bridge as a Legacy of the Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the discovery of Florida.

State Representative “Doc” Renuart has agreed up sponsor the bill as it moves through the House Committee’s in Tallahassee. For your information, FDOT Secretary, District 2, Greg Evans has expressed his approval as well.

Upon approval of the County’s Resolution, we ask that you return a copy of the Resolution to my attention. At that time, the City will take the necessary steps to deliver the two Resolutions to Rep. Renuart.

We appreciate your assistance and support with the project. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

John P. Regan, P. E.
City Manager

[Signature]

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Cc: T. Burchfield, Asst. City Manager; D. Ste. Claire, Director, 450th Commemoration; City Clerk’s Files

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-13


WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine seeks to recognize and memorialize in the year 2013 a Commemoration of the discovery of Florida in the year 1513; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds it appropriate to include in the memorialization of the 500th anniversary of the discovery of Florida recognition of Ponce de Leon for his role in the discovery and development of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Department of Transportation has completed the construction of a replacement bridge crossing the San Sebastian River on State Road 5, U.S. Highway 1, in the City of St. Augustine; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that the construction and opening of this new bridge enhances and ensures the transportation infrastructure of the City of St. Augustine and should be included as part of the legacy created by the Commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the discovery of Florida by Ponce de Leon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:
Section 1. That the City Commission endorses and ratifies the naming of the newly constructed and opened bridge on State Road 5, U.S. Highway 1, crossing the San Sebastian River in the City of St. Augustine as the Ponce de Leon Bridge.

Section 2. That the City Commission further endorses and ratifies the construction of the bridge and the naming of the bridge after Ponce de Leon as essential elements of the Commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the discovery of Florida by Ponce de Leon.

Section 3. That the City Commission hereby requests the support of State Representative Ronald "Doc" Renuart in supporting such legislation as required to secure the renaming of the bridge as the Ponce de Leon Bridge.

ADOPTED in Regular Session of the City Commission for the City of St. Augustine, Florida, this 11th day of March, 2013.

ATTEST:

Alison Ratkovic, City Clerk
(SEAL)

Joe Bóles, Jr., Mayor-Commissioner