

RESOLUTION 2013-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING SUPPORT FOR MILITARY FAMILY AND COMMUNITY COVENANT DAY ON APRIL 17, 2013.**

**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, THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:**

**Section 1.** The City of St. Pete Beach supports April 17, 2013 as Military Family and Community Covenant Day.

**Section 2.** The City hereby expresses 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.

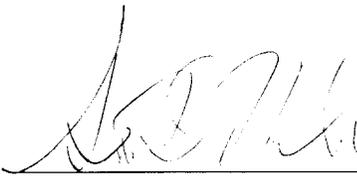
**Section 3.** The City of St. Pete Beach, through the Florida Military Family and Community Covenant and Operation Strong Families, accepts the call to action to support and honor all service members, veterans and their families, past and present.

**Section 4.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 9th day of April, 2013

ATTEST:

  
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

  
Steve McFarlin, Mayor