

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Escambia County has established an "Employee of the Month Program" to recognize one employee to represent the various departments; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kelley M. Bradford, a Detention Assistant in the Jail Division of the Corrections Department, began her employment with the County on October 16, 2006, and is selected for "Employee of the Month" for June 2014, for the standards of excellence that she has displayed in the performance of her duties and for her heroic actions above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, at approximately 11:00 p.m., on Wednesday, April 30, 2014, an explosion occurred at the Escambia County Central Booking and Detention Center; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bradford and Corrections Officer Christopher Hankinson were working in the inmate property room when the explosion occurred. When the floor caved in as a result of the blast, they fell through the floor into the water below in the flooded basement; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bradford lost sight of Officer Hankinson and began screaming his name to find him, because she knew they both had fallen through; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bradford heard Officer Hankinson yelling, and when she found him in the pitch black room, he told her that he could not feel his legs. She pulled him up onto a slab of concrete and held him there – out of the water – until they could be rescued; and

WHEREAS, although Officer Hankinson told Ms. Bradford to save herself, she refused to leave his side.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida, commends and extends special thanks to Ms. Kelley M. Bradford for her unselfish act of heroism to help a coworker in the face of extreme danger and congratulates her on her selection as the "Employee of the Month" for June 2014.

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**ATTEST: Pam Childers
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Adopted: June 3, 2014

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WHEREAS, Group Cares is a non-profit, interdenominational Christian volunteer home improvement organization headquartered in Loveland, Colorado. In the summer of 2014, an anticipated 25,000 young people and adults will participate in 48 work camps in communities across the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, more than 40 local residents are counting the days to the week of June 15-21, 2014. At that time, 300 teenagers and adult volunteers from churches around the country will be in town to participate in the Pensacola Work Camp, housed at Booker T. Washington High School, in Pensacola, Florida. The work camp will be providing free home improvements through the national Group Cares Program, sponsored locally by GRACE (Giving Restoring And Christian Engagement) of Pensacola; and

WHEREAS, at each work camp, the church youth groups volunteer a week of their time to repair homes throughout the community. Repairs and improvements include exterior painting, weatherization, porch and wheelchair ramp construction, and other work. In Pensacola alone, it is estimated that the 10,000 hours of volunteer labor and materials will have an economic impact of over \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, GRACE of Pensacola is a consortium of local churches and non-profit agencies assembled specifically for the Group Cares Project and is spearheaded by Christ Church Parish in Pensacola. As the hosting entity for the work camp, GRACE is responsible for costs associated with the week-long project, and donations from the community are encouraged and appreciated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida, does hereby commend GRACE of Pensacola for assisting the elderly, the handicapped, and lower-income residents of Escambia County to get free, critical home upgrades and encourages the citizens of Escambia County to participate in this wonderful event.

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WHEREAS, West Florida High School of Advanced Technology was established in 2001;
and

WHEREAS, the West Florida High School (WFHS) Softball team – the Lady Jags had a season record of 29 wins and 1 loss; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Jags were ranked #1 in Class 4-A softball in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Jags were District and Regional Champions for the 2013-2014 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Jags represented WFHS for the first time in the State Final 4 Softball Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Jags defeated defending State Champ Gulliver Prep in the State semifinal game; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Jags were down 5-1 with two outs and two strikes in the bottom of the seventh inning; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Jags showed great grit and determination in rallying for an exciting 6-5 win under those circumstances to win the 2014 Class 4-A State Softball Championship Title.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida, hereby commends and congratulates the West Florida High School's Lady Jags Softball Team on their State Softball Championship and wishes the coaches, staff, and players of the West Florida High School Softball Program continued success in the future.

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WHEREAS, the University of West Florida's (UWF) Men's Tennis Team consists of 18 student-athletes that represent 9 different countries; and

WHEREAS, the team is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), which is the main governing body of collegiate athletics; and

WHEREAS, the UWF Men's Tennis Team plays in Division II, which is an intermediate-level division of competition. It offers an alternative to both the highly- competitive level of intercollegiate sports offered in NCAA Division I and to the no athletic scholarship environment offered in Division III and is part of the Gulf South Conference; and

WHEREAS, the team's Head Coach Derrick Racine was named the 2014 Intercollegiate Tennis Association's National Men's Tennis Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, also in 2014, University of West Florida's Senior Bruno Savi ranked Number 1 in the nation in singles and was named the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) National Men's Senior Player of the Year. Overseeing men's and women's varsity tennis at all levels, the ITA is the governing body of college tennis; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Racine has one volunteer assistant coach, Chad Cage, two student-assistant coaches, Kevin Ducros and Andrey Pozhidaev, and one trainer T.J. Reed; and

WHEREAS, the University of West Florida's Men's Tennis Team won NCAA Division II National Championships in 2005 and 2006 and their third NCAA Division II National Championship in program history on May 17, 2014, in Altamonte Springs, Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE , BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida, wishes to extend its congratulations to Head Coach Racine for his designation as the 2014 ITA National Men's Tennis Coach of the Year, to the members of the University of West Florida's Men's Tennis Team for their multiple wins of the prestigious NCAA Division II National Championships, and to Bruno Savi for obtaining the ranking of Number 1 in the 2014 ITA National Singles.

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