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## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, at the time of its establishment in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on December 4, 1964, Nova Southeastern University (NSU), was known as Nova University of Advanced Technology, a chartered graduate institution whose focus was on the physical and social sciences;

**AND WHEREAS**, in 1972, the University introduced its first off-campus course of study in education, soon becoming nationally recognized for its innovative distance education programs;

**AND WHEREAS**, in 1994, Nova University merged with Southeastern University of Health and Sciences to form Nova Southeastern University;

**AND WHEREAS**, today NSU, the 9<sup>th</sup> largest private not-for-profit university in the nation with an enrollment of 27,000 students, is classified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as one of the only 37 universities, out of more than 4,000, that holds the dual designation of being both "high research" and "community engaged";

**AND WHEREAS**, over the years, the more than 162,000 students who have graduated from NSU, have gone onto become professionals in such areas as health care, education, law, business, computer sciences, medical and social sciences;

**AND WHEREAS**, through five decades of explosive growth, NSU's reputation for academic excellence, research and innovation has grown on its sprawling 314 acre Fort Lauderdale-Davie campus and nine (9) countries around the world;

**AND WHEREAS**, George L. Hanbury II, President and CEO of Nova Southeastern University (NSU) has organized a schedule of special events to commemorate NSU's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Perry G. Christie, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, do hereby proclaim the 4<sup>th</sup> day December, 2014 as "**NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DAY IN THE BAHAMAS**."

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2013.

**PERRY G. CHRISTIE**  
**PRIME MINISTER**