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Proclamation of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida  
ICUF

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**WHEREAS**, Nova Southeastern University (NSU) was established in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on December 4, 1964, founded as Nova University of Advanced Technology and chartered as a graduate institution in 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 1978, Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine, was advocated by pioneer physicians committed to establishing a college of osteopathic medicine in the Southeast and chartered, later evolving into Southeastern University of Health and Sciences; and,

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

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

**WHEREAS**, today, NSU employs more than 4,000 people, and has an economic impact on the Sunshine State of \$2.6 billion; and,

**WHEREAS**, through five decades of explosive growth, Nova Southeastern University's reputation for academic excellence, research, and innovation has grown on its sprawling 314 acre Fort Lauderdale-Davie campus and throughout Florida in six cities, the United States and nine countries around the world; and,

**WHEREAS**, Nova Southeastern University is a vital and engaged member of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida, ICUF; working diligently to show, by example, how a private, not for profit institution can become an integral component of the Florida economy and higher education family.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Moore, President of Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida, do hereby proclaim the first day of February 2014, as:**

***Nova Southeastern University's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Day***

And **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the member colleges and universities of ICUF pay tribute to the contributions that Nova Southeastern University has made to the State of Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

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President, Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida