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# Proclamation

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 recognize 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; and

WHEREAS, today, NSU is the 9th largest private not-for-profit university in the nation, with 27,000 students, and 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 to the Sunshine State of \$2.6 billion; and

WHEREAS, NSU has graduated more than 162,000 students who have become professionals in areas such as health care, education, law, business, computer sciences, and mental and social sciences, who continue to share a common identity and purpose that both support, and are the focus of, NSU's educational mission; 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 through Florida in six cities, the United States and nine countries around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Diane Veltri Bendekovic, Mayor, and the City Council of Plantation, Florida, do hereby proclaim December 4, 2014 as

## "Nova Southeastern University 50th Anniversary Day"

in the City of Planation, and we pay tribute to the contributions that Nova Southeastern University has made to Plantation's community.

> IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Plantation to be affixed this 23rd day of September, 2013.

> > Diane Veltri Bendekovic, Mayor