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The City of  
Fort Myers, Florida

# 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 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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**, NSU has graduated more than 162,000 students who have become professionals in such areas as health care, education, law, business, computer sciences, 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

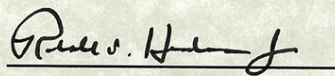
**Whereas**, through five decades of explosive growth, NSU's reputation for academic excellence, research, and innovation has grown on its sprawling 314 acre Fort Lauderdale-Davie campus and throughout Florida in six cities, the United States and nine countries around the world.

**Now, Therefore**, I, Randall P. Henderson, Jr., by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Fort Myers, Florida, do hereby proclaim December 4, 2014, as

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

in Fort Myers, Florida, and encourage all citizens to recognize the contributions that Nova Southeastern University has made to Fort Myers, Florida.

**In Witness thereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Fort Myers, Florida, on this 4th day of December in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fourteen.

  
Randall P. Henderson, Jr.  
Mayor

