Escambia County Proclamation

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WHEREAS, *the Pensacola Community Arts and Recreation Association (PCARA), a non-profit grass roots organization comprised of only volunteers, was founded in June 1987 by Mr. Leroy Williams and is celebrating its 25th year of giving back to our community; and*

WHEREAS, *the PCARA has been an integral force in the prevention of illegal drug use, violence, and teen-pregnancy among the youths in our community. The PCARA provides a structured learning environment for students to gain skills through fun, non-judgmental activities that include acting, dancing, and singing just to name a few. The volunteers meet with the youths of the community each week to present workshops, bring in speakers, and hold rap sessions that address illegal drug use, violence prevention, and teen-pregnancy prevention; and*

WHEREAS, *the growth of the membership of the PCARA over the years is a direct result of the positive message that is delivered through the Association's weekly meetings with at-risk youths and adults at the Pensacola State College Student Center; through the annual events the PCARA sponsors, including: theatrical stage plays, Youth Extravaganza (a variety show of over 150 youth participants each year with various talents), The Big Community Cookout (a non-violent and drug-free day); and through various workshops, outreach programs, and other special events; and*

WHEREAS, *as part of the 25th Anniversary Celebration, the PCARA is proud to present to the community a new stage play entitled "Google God," an awesome production written, produced, and directed by Mr. Leroy Williams, which will be held at the Pensacola Saenger Theatre on Saturday, February 2, 2013; and*

WHEREAS, *as a non-profit organization, the PCARA depends solely on the profits from the shows they present to help meet the needs of the youths in their day-to-day operations, i.e., administrative costs, meals provided to the youths at their weekly meetings, and uniforms.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, *that the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida, commends and congratulates the Pensacola Community Arts and Recreation Association for 25 years of service and dedication to the youths of our community, and encourages the citizens of Escambia County to support the Association's activities.*

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ATTEST: Ernie Lee Magaha
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Adopted: December 6, 2012