

Official Proclamation

Town of Malabar, Florida

Whereas, the Town of Malabar is celebrating its 50th anniversary of incorporation from its establishment on December 1, 1962 but has enjoyed a longer history as a community; and

Whereas, Malabar was named for Cape Malabar which is located just across the river at Spessard Hollard Park on the Atlantic and the name began appearing on U.S. maps around 1825, shortly after Florida was bought from Spain. Malabar translated means "bad bar" or "rough crossing" as pertaining to navigational charts; and

Whereas, the Community of Malabar was recognized by the Federal Postal Office on December 24, 1883; and received mail delivery by sailboat two times a week until 1887 when the steamboats began running and mail could be delivered daily; and

Whereas, the population increased from the original eight families in the 1880's to less than 300 in the early 1960's to 2876 as of April 2010; and

Whereas, the 108 electors that voted to incorporate as the City of Malabar did so on December 1, 1962 but on April 16, 1963 Mayor Moeller reported they did not have sufficient residents (300) to be called a city and changed the name to Town of Malabar; and

Whereas, the Town of Malabar celebrated its centennial in December 1983 with a party at the Valkaria Airport Recreational Complex that included a three mile "fun run" and car show and a dunking booth that featured Malabar Councilmen as the "dunkees" and hamburgers prepared by the Town's Fire Department; and

Whereas, for the 50th Anniversary Celebration of incorporation the Town has planned a three mile (5K) Cow Bell "fun run" and car show and a dunking booth and bar-b-q sandwiches prepared by the Town's Fire Department showing we still enjoy the same types of festivities the whole family can enjoy; and

Now, Therefore, I, Thomas Eschenberg, Mayor of the Town of Malabar, along with the Town Council, do recognize the 50th anniversary of the Town of Malabar's incorporation.

Seal of the
Town of Malabar



The 19th Day of March, 2012

Thomas Eschenberg Mayor