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Hayward, Pensacola Heritage Foundation unveil gift from Sister City in Spain

This afternoon, Mayor Hayward and the Pensacola Heritage Foundation will unveil a gifted portrait of Bernardo de Gálvez.

The Gálvez Monument Project received a meaningful gift from the society known as the Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez (soldiers and women of Gálvez) and the Foundation Remedios Medina, by its President Francisco Javier Fructuoso Medina. In cooperation with Pensacola's Sister City, Macharaviaya, this dedicated group of individuals offered to help raise funds for Pensacola's statue by commissioning a portrait of General Gálvez. The portrait was painted in Málaga by Francisco Rodríguez, a young artist from the same school as Monserrate, the author of the original portrait.

Katie Hallybone, Vice Mayor of Macharaviaya writing to Mayor Ashton Hayward of Pensacola states that the "original iconic painting of the General has an addition, making it unique to Pensacola." Within the pattern of the portrait, the artist included the coat of arms of the General on the upper right. Within the coat of arms is written in Spanish, "Yo Solo." The English translation is "I alone" and represents the statement Gálvez made before the battle when his Spanish Navy ships were reluctant to enter the narrow strait of Pensacola Bay. Galvez offered to sail in first, alone, and as a consequence the rest of the ships followed and the resulting battle was one of the longest sieges in the American Revolution.

- **Who:** City of Pensacola and Pensacola Heritage Foundation
- **What:** Galvez portrait unveiled
- **When:** Today, November 14, 2:00 p.m.
- **Where:** City Hall Lobby

Using this exquisite portrait from friends in Spain, PHF will raise funds for the statue dedicated to Bernardo de Gálvez. Pensacola Heritage Foundation will then give the

completed monument to the City of Pensacola who will add it to its historic inventory of buildings, statues, and gardens. Thus, the alliance, affectionate friendships and traditions between Spain and America endure.

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