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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
Children & Families
ANALYSIS**

BILL #: HB 1983

RELATING TO: Florida Family Day

SPONSOR(S): Representative Maygarden

TIED BILL(S):

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:

(1) Children & Families

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I. SUMMARY:

The bill creates s. 683.23, Florida Statutes, to designate "Florida Family Day" on the Friday preceding Mother's Day each year as a day to acknowledge the importance of the family in the state of Florida.

The act shall take effect upon becoming law.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

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| 1. <u>Less Government</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <u>Lower Taxes</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Individual Freedom</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>Personal Responsibility</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <u>Family Empowerment</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

Chapter 683, F.S., contains the state's legal holidays and other days of special observance. Currently, there is no designation of a "Florida Family Day."

Florida Statutes contains various provisions affirming in policy the importance of the family. Among the most notable provisions is s. 409.801, F.S., establishing the "Family Policy Act." This section states that the primary goal of the Legislature is to protect, preserve, and enhance the stability and quality of Florida's families through the funding of programs and services and the enforcement of laws and policies to prevent family dysfunction and the loss of family independence.

Some states, e.g, Connecticut, have created Family Days to promote the virtues of family and parenting by setting aside a day each year for families to spend together. This day allows organizations and groups that support families, including United Ways and churches, to promote health family activities and appreciation of the family in their communities.

The President proclaimed November 21 through November 27, 1999, as National Family Week. The purpose of National Family Week is to recognize the role of families and their contributions to a strong society. It is designed to encourage and support healthy family life and family values. Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and Washington have enacted National Family Week in their states.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The bill would create s. 683.23, Florida Statutes, to designate the Friday preceding Mother's Day each year as "Florida Family Day."

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

Section 1. Creates section 683.23, Florida Statutes, relating to Florida Family Day.

The bill designates the Friday preceding Mother's Day each year as "Florida Family Day." It encourages public officials, schools, private organizations, and all citizens to acknowledge and emphasize the importance of Florida's families to the success and well-

being of the state and to reaffirm their commitment to promote strong families within the state.

Section 2. Establishes the act shall take effect upon becoming law.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

N/A

2. Expenditures:

N/A

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

N/A

2. Expenditures:

N/A

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

N/A

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

N/A

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

This bill does not require counties or municipalities to spend funds or to take an action requiring the expenditure of funds.

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

This bill does not reduce the authority that municipalities or counties have to raise revenues in the aggregate.

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C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

This bill does not reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

V. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

N/A

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

N/A

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

N/A

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

N/A

VII. SIGNATURES:

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