

By the Committee on Children & Families and  
Representatives Maygarden and Murman

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to special observances;  
3           creating s. 683.23, F.S.; designating "Florida  
4           Family Day" as a day for the acknowledgement of  
5           the importance of the family in the State of  
6           Florida; providing an effective date.

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8           WHEREAS, the family is the fundamental building block  
9 of society, and

10           WHEREAS, within healthy families, children are  
11 instilled with values essential to the vitality of our state  
12 and nation, and

13           WHEREAS, these values include personal responsibility,  
14 honesty, duty, commitment to others, a work ethic, respect for  
15 authority, and sound educational habits, and

16           WHEREAS, given the tremendous influence of the family,  
17 the State of Florida should do its utmost to promote strong  
18 families within the state, and

19           WHEREAS, it is the intent of this act, in designating  
20 the observance of Florida Family Day, to acknowledge and  
21 emphasize the importance of families to the success and  
22 well-being of the state, NOW, THEREFORE,

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24 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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26           Section 1. Section 683.23, Florida Statutes, is  
27 created to read:

28           683.23 Florida Family Day.--The Friday preceding  
29 Mother's Day of each year is designated "Florida Family Day."  
30 On this day, public officials, schools, private organizations,  
31 and all citizens are encouraged both to acknowledge and

