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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing March 16, 2000, as St. Johns County Day.

WHEREAS, on September 8, 1565, Don Pedro Menendez de Aviles founded St. Augustine, the oldest continuously occupied European settlement in the United States, and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County was the site of Fort Mose, established by Spaniards and former African slaves in 1736, the first free black fort and settlement in North America, and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 1821, St. Johns County, named for the St. Johns River, became one of Florida's first two counties by ordinance proclaimed by Major General Andrew Jackson, and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County encompasses 609 square miles, from the 43 miles of its beautiful beaches to the scenic Bartram Trail Highway that runs along the St. Johns River, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes St. Johns County for its rich history and cultural diversity, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That March 16, 2000, is recognized as "St. Johns County Day."