

By Senator Clary

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1 Senate Resolution No. ____

2 A resolution recognizing April 18, 2001, as

3 "Florida's Great Northwest Day" in Tallahassee.

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5 WHEREAS, Florida's extreme western tip was the location

6 of North America's first European settlement, with Spanish

7 colonists arriving in 1559, and

8 WHEREAS, Florida's Great Northwest is home to Port St.

9 Joe, Florida's first Constitution Convention site, and

10 WHEREAS, Florida's Great Northwest encompasses sixteen

11 counties across the Florida Panhandle, and over 13,000 square

12 miles of beautiful coastline, winding rivers, vast tracts of

13 forested land, and more than 100 freshwater springs, and

14 WHEREAS, Florida's Great Northwest is home to the

15 largest military landmass training installation in the world,

16 Eglin Air Force Base, and

17 WHEREAS, Florida's Great Northwest is home to Hurlburt

18 Field, home of the 16th Special Operations Wing, which is the

19 oldest and largest and most seasoned unit in the Air Force

20 Special Operations Command, and

21 WHEREAS, Florida's Great Northwest is home to the

22 Pensacola Naval Air Station, home of the Blue Angels, and

23 WHEREAS, Florida's Great Northwest is home to the

24 Tyndall Air Force Base, home of the 325th Fighter Wing, and

25 WHEREAS, Florida's Great Northwest is home to many

26 other military installations, including Duke Field, Whiting

27 Field, Coastal System Station, and the United States Coast

28 Guard, and

29 WHEREAS, Florida's Great Northwest is world-famous for

30 its emerald green waters, natural reefs, and beautiful white

31 sands, and

1 WHEREAS, Florida's Great Northwest is one of the
2 nation's most recognized fishing destinations, including the
3 "World's Luckiest Fishing Village" in Destin, and

4 WHEREAS, Florida's Great Northwest is home to
5 Apalachicola Bay, one of the most productive bays in the
6 country, and

7 WHEREAS, Florida's Great Northwest is home to the
8 invention of air conditioning in Franklin County nearly 150
9 years ago by Dr. John Gorrie, and

10 WHEREAS, Florida's Great Northwest is the home of
11 Milton, which is considered by the Florida Legislature to be
12 Florida's Canoe Capitol, and

13 WHEREAS, Florida's Capital City, Tallahassee, is
14 located in the Great Northwest, among a mix of historical and
15 natural attractions, and

16 WHEREAS, Florida's Great Northwest is known for
17 Southern hospitality, gracious folks, and quaint towns, and

18 WHEREAS, Florida's Great Northwest offers exciting
19 events from wine festivals to seafood extravaganzas to ethnic
20 heritage happenings, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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24 That the Florida Senate recognizes April 18, 2001, as
25 "Florida's Great Northwest Day" in Tallahassee.

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