

Bill No. SB 464

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The Committee on Governmental Operations (Wilson) recommended
the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Section 683.33, Florida Statutes, is
created to read:

683.33 Three Kings Day.--

(1) January 6 of each year is designated as "Three
Kings Day."

(2) Local governments may annually issue a
proclamation commemorating January 6 as "Three Kings Day" and
recognize that many residents of the state celebrate the
occasion as a time to be with their family and friends, attend
services, exchange gifts, and celebrate their cultural
heritage.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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2 And the title is amended as follows:

3 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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5 and insert:

6 A bill to be entitled

7 An act relating to Three Kings Day; creating s.

8 683.33, F.S.; designating January 6 as "Three

9 Kings Day" and authorizing local governments to

10 issue proclamations commemorating the occasion;

11 providing an effective date.

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13 WHEREAS, the Hispanic history of this state began in

14 1513 when Ponce de Leon arrived in the land he called La

15 Pascua Florida, and

16 WHEREAS, this Hispanic history of the state was

17 strengthened when, in 1565, Pedro Menendez de Aviles founded

18 San Augustin, or St. Augustine, the first permanent European

19 settlement in what is now the United States, and

20 WHEREAS, Florida was a Spanish colony for almost 300

21 years, except for a 20-year period between 1763 and 1783,

22 until the Adams-Onis Treaty ceded Florida to the United States

23 in 1821, and

24 WHEREAS, Hispanic people have remained in Florida since

25 it was a Spanish colony, and

26 WHEREAS, Hispanic food, traditions, and culture have

27 contributed greatly to the state in the past, and

28 WHEREAS, the Hispanic population of Florida has grown

29 substantially in recent history by immigration and, as a

30 result, the Hispanic population continues to influence the

31 food, traditions, and culture of Florida, and

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1 WHEREAS, El Dia de los Reyes, or "Three Kings Day," is
2 a day that has not only religious meaning for many Hispanics
3 but is also a day that has deep cultural roots that encourage
4 extended families and friends to visit each other and enjoy
5 each other's company, to celebrate, and to exchange gifts,
6 NOW, THEREFORE,

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