

By Senator Taddeo

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 25, 2019, as "Colombia Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the Colombian population constitutes the fourth-largest Hispanic nationality in this state, with an estimated population of 304,000 Colombian and Colombian-American people statewide in 2010, and with 244,000 Colombians and Colombian Americans residing in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties in 2017, making Colombians the second-largest Hispanic nationality in South Florida, and

WHEREAS, the growing number of Colombian residents in Central Florida has prompted the opening of a second Colombian consulate in Orlando, making Colombia only the second Latin American country to have two consulates in the Sunshine State, and

WHEREAS, as the Colombian-American community grows in number and influence, members of that community are seeking new opportunities to participate in local and state politics and are becoming an extraordinary political force as they support the global fight for freedom and democracy for all people, and

WHEREAS, as Colombian and Colombian-American writers, actors, painters, sculptors, musicians, and other artists who have made this state their home gain public recognition and critical acclaim, the cultural and artistic contributions of the Colombian and Colombian-American communities to this state continue to grow, and

WHEREAS, Colombian entrepreneurs have created and sustained thriving businesses in all sectors of the economy, such as

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30 services, the hospitality industry, media and production,  
31 communications, marketing, and construction, and

32 WHEREAS, Colombia is a long-standing and stable ally of the  
33 United States, and Colombian residents of this state have been  
34 instrumental in maintaining that relationship due to their  
35 economic, familial, and political ties to their country of  
36 origin, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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40 That April 25, 2019, is recognized as "Colombia Day" in  
41 Florida.