

By Senator Perry

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Senate Resolution

A resolution commemorating the 175th anniversary of Marion County and recognizing March 25, 2019, as "Marion County Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, when the United States Government acquired Florida in 1821, scouts were sent to survey the peninsula, and in 1825, the government created the Seminole Agency to oversee the Seminole Nation in what would become Marion County, and

WHEREAS, the United States Army established a military outpost to protect the northern boundary of the Seminole Indian reservation and in 1827, erected a site called Fort King, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Armed Occupation Act of 1842, which offered free land if certain conditions were met, pioneers migrated to present-day Marion County, and

WHEREAS, between 1842 and 1844, Marion County was still a part of Alachua, Mosquito, now known as Orange, and Hillsborough Counties, and the closest county seat was in Alachua County, a difficult 50 miles from Fort King, and so early settlers wanted a new county, and

WHEREAS, Gabriel L. Priest, Sr., the first State Senator from Marion County, represented Alachua County when he introduced a bill to create the new county, and

WHEREAS, the territorial legislative council authorized the formation of Marion County, and Richard Keith Call, the third territorial Governor, signed the law on March 25, 1844, and

WHEREAS, Marion County has grown substantially and now boasts significant economic development and the title of Horse Capital of the World, and

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30 WHEREAS, the people and natural landmarks of Marion County
31 have contributed greatly to the history of the State of Florida,
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33 WHEREAS, March 25, 2019, marks the 175th anniversary of
34 Marion County's creation, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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38 That March 25, 2019, is designated as "Marion County Day"
39 in Florida, and that all Marion County residents, past and
40 present, are thanked for their significant contributions to the
41 state.

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