

By Senator Jones

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 1, 2021, as "FAMU Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) was founded in 1887, named a land-grant institution in 1891, and designated a university in 1953, and

WHEREAS, FAMU, a historically black college and university (HBCU) offering undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate, and professional degree programs, seeks qualified students from all racial, ethnic, religious, and national groups and provides immeasurable educational opportunities for young men and women, and

WHEREAS, academic components of the university consist of seven colleges and seven schools: the Colleges of Agriculture and Food Sciences; Education; Engineering; Law; Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; Science and Technology; and Social Sciences, Arts, and Humanities and the Schools of Allied Health Sciences; Architecture and Engineering Technology; Business and Industry; the Environment; Graduate Studies and Research; Journalism and Graphic Communication; and Nursing, and

WHEREAS, under the dedicated leadership of President Larry Robinson, Ph.D., and the FAMU Board of Trustees, FAMU is laser-focused on providing an exceptional student experience and ranks first among public HBCUs for the second consecutive year according to the *U.S. News & World Report 2021 Best Colleges Ranking of Top Public Universities*, and

WHEREAS, FAMU is the leading producer of African-American graduates in several disciplines at the baccalaureate,

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30 professional, and graduate levels and is ranked as a top STEM  
31 HBCU for science, technology, engineering, and math majors, and

32 WHEREAS, since April 25, 2020, FAMU's Bragg Stadium has  
33 served as a free COVID-19 testing site for the Big Bend  
34 community, providing more than 250,000 tests and helping to  
35 address vaccine hesitancy, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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39 That, in recognition of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical  
40 University's contributions as an outstanding institution of  
41 higher education, April 1, 2021, is recognized as "FAMU Day" in  
42 Florida.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with  
44 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Larry Robinson,  
45 Ph.D., President of Florida Agricultural & Mechanical  
46 University, as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida  
47 Senate.