

By Senator Truenow

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Town of Windermere and its commitment to building and maintaining a strong community that reflects its residents, and recognizing February 2, 2025, as "Town of Windermere Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, Dr. Stanley Scott, an Englishman, settled on 160 acres in Central Florida in 1888, calling his home "Windermere," and

WHEREAS, in 1911, J.C. "Cal" Palmer and J. Howard Johnson purchased Windermere and the surrounding lands and, through hard work and dedication, developed a community that welcomed new residents, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Windermere was incorporated in 1925 by Palmer, Johnson, and Howard Lyon, each of whom would serve as mayor of the town in the years that followed, and

WHEREAS, in 1930, Windermere had a population of 153, and by 1960 it had increased to 596 residents, and

WHEREAS, today, 100 years after incorporation, 3,132 people reside in the lakefront community of the Town of Windermere under the leadership of Mayor Jim O'Brien and Council Members Loren "Andy" Williams, Mandy David, Tony Davit, Tom Stroup, and Brandi Haines, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Windermere is a testament to what an involved citizenry can accomplish when equipped with a strong sense of community pride, and its residents continue to demonstrate a willingness to work hard to build a safe, healthy, and vibrant community, and

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30 WHEREAS, the Town of Windermere has recognized that a town  
31 that takes care of its trees takes care of its people by  
32 providing places to play and to appreciate natural beauty, and  
33 it has been designated as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day  
34 Foundation, and

35 WHEREAS, the Butler Chain of Lakes in Windermere was the  
36 first lake system in Florida to be designated as an Outstanding  
37 Florida Water by the Florida Department of Environmental  
38 Protection, a designation it earned in 1985 thanks to the  
39 quality of its water and wildlife habitat, and

40 WHEREAS, the Town of Windermere marks its 100th anniversary  
41 by celebrating all citizens, volunteers, businesses, community  
42 organizations, and dedicated town staff and council members,  
43 past and present, who have worked so hard to enhance the  
44 community of Windermere, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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48 That the Senate reaffirms the importance of the Town of  
49 Windermere on the occasion of its 100th anniversary and  
50 recognizes February 2, 2025, as "Town of Windermere Day" in  
51 Florida.