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House Resolution

A resolution designating February 5, 2026, as "St. Johns County Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, St. Johns County was established in 1821 and is recognized as one of the first counties in the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County is home to the city of St Augustine, which was established in 1565 and is the oldest continuously occupied city of European origin in the United States, and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County has a rich cultural heritage and boasts numerous historical landmarks, including the location of the first documented reference of a wooden watchtower in the United States, which later became the St. Augustine Lighthouse; the Castillo de San Marcos, the oldest masonry fortification in the continental United States; and Fort Mose, the first free African American community in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the early modernization of Florida began in St. Johns County through the vision of Henry Flagler, whose development of the railroad and the construction of the Hotel Ponce de Leon, which is now the esteemed Flagler College, helped shape the foundation of the region's growth, and

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WHEREAS, St. Johns County has 42 miles of pristine coastline which includes beaches listed in Tripadvisor's Top 10 U.S. Beaches ratings, and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County is consistently ranked among Florida's best public school systems, and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County hosts the Nights of Lights, one of the highest rated holiday light displays in the world by National Geographic, and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County stands as a pillar of Florida's history and tourism industry, continually contributing to this state's prosperity through vibrant communities, cultural enrichment, world class recreational opportunities, economic development, and a high quality of life, and

WHEREAS, "St. Johns County Day" serves as a valuable opportunity to celebrate the county's profound historical contributions, natural beauty, recreational opportunities, and continued impact on the success and identity of this state, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

That February 5, 2026, is designated as "St. Johns County Day" in Florida.