

House Bill No. 803

An act relating to special observances; creating s. 683.195, Florida Statutes; designating the month of January of each year as “Florida Jewish History Month”; providing for a proclamation by the Governor to that effect; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, among the myriad of ethnic groups that have passed through Florida since 1513, Jews are notable for remaining in the state and retaining and asserting their ethnic identity, and

WHEREAS, like other ethnic groups, Jews have actively participated in shaping the destiny of Florida by bringing their visions for freedom and democracy and their creativity, thus leaving their footprints across the state, and

WHEREAS, Florida Jewish History Month is a time to focus attention on the tremendous contributions Floridian Jews have made in every area of the development of our state, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 683.195, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

683.195 Florida Jewish History Month.—

(1) The month of January of each year is designated as “Florida Jewish History Month.”

(2) The Governor may issue a proclamation annually designating the month of January as “Florida Jewish History Month” and calling upon the citizens of the state to observe the occasion.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor April 17, 2003.

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