

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2024-393

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Salem

Date of Introduction: May 14, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: May 16, 2024

Type of Action: Expression of support

Bill Summary: The bill expresses the City's support for the efforts of St. Johns County to become the host county for the new Florida Museum of Black History.

Background Information: The state has authorized the creation of a Florida Museum of Black history to recognize the historical significance and cultural heritage of the African American experience in the state. A Florida Museum of Black History Task Force chaired by State Senator Geraldine Thompson has narrowed 8 potential sites to a final four, with St. Johns County and Eatonville in Orange County leading the other two finalists – Opa-locka and Sarasota County – by a considerable margin in the points ranking. The location of the new state museum in St. Johns County near St. Augustine would further enhance the historical and tourism potential of the Northeast Florida region.

Policy Impact Area: Intergovernmental support

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Clements