

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: 2021-84

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Pittman

Date of Introduction: February 9, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: February 8, 2021

Type of Action: Appropriation and designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$25,000 from Special Events - Florida Georgia Game Contingency to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department for an Emancipation Day Celebration at James Weldon Johnson Park. The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department will oversee the project.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to provide funding for the Emancipation Day celebration in James Weldon Johnson Park on May 20, 2021. Emancipation Day in Florida is traditionally celebrated on May 20 to recognize the emancipation of African-American slaves, as proclaimed in Tallahassee on May 20, 1865, just eleven days after the end of the American Civil War and two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was first issued by President Abraham Lincoln. Emancipation Day is recognized throughout Florida and the country in celebration of America's commitment to liberty and equality in accordance with the US Constitution.

Policy Impact Area: Emancipation Day Celebration at James Weldon Johnson Park

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$25,000

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