



CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
**JIMMY PATRONIS**  
STATE OF FLORIDA

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, On July 17, 1821, in Pensacola, Spanish government officials exchanged flags during a ceremony in which Florida was officially appointed an American entity; and

**WHEREAS**, the deepwater port was the only one on the Gulf Coast, therefore countries fought over it in the 1600's and 1700's; and

**WHEREAS**, Escambia County is the westernmost and one of the oldest counties in the state of Florida, located in the northwestern corner of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Escambia and St. Johns counties were Florida's two original counties, covering the entire territory within modern state boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, The West Florida Genealogical Society will be creating an online database of individuals who populated Escambia County in its formative years, for the public to become more in tune with its hometown roots; and

**WHEREAS**, a commission of Pensacola's most accomplished historians, archaeologists and professors began planning a five-month project to commemorate and recognize Florida's eldest county leading up to the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chief Financial Officer and State Fire Marshal of the State of Florida does hereby recognize

**ESCAMBIA COUNTY'S 200<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

and celebrates the rich history and accomplishments of this noteworthy Florida landmark that is Escambia County.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF** the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida has hereunto subscribed his name and has caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee on the 17th day of July 2021.



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**STATE FIRE MARSHALL**