

By Senator Gruters

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## Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing February 4, 2026, as "New College Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, New College of Florida is designated as the residential liberal arts honors college of this state and is the only public college or university in Florida with the sole, distinctive mission of providing a liberal arts undergraduate education of the highest caliber to its students, and

WHEREAS, New College of Florida's Logos + Techne General Education Curriculum combines classical education with next-generation skills to create a culture of intellectually curious students pursuing academic excellence and seeking a better understanding of the world within an educational environment of free speech and academic freedom, and

WHEREAS, the New College of Florida academic system rewards risk-taking and ambition through its individualized contract system; develops skills in independent study and initiative through tutorials, independent study projects, and a required senior thesis; and creates students who do not passively receive information, but who engage, innovate, and learn to ask the right questions, and

WHEREAS, New College of Florida has solidified its status as one of the nation's premier public liberal arts institutions, having been ranked the top public liberal arts college by *Washington Monthly* 3 years in a row, and the top public college for value and small size by *The Princeton Review*, and

WHEREAS, New College of Florida continues to be recognized as a national leader in Fulbright Scholarship recipients and has

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30      been named the best Hidden Gem College in Florida by College  
31      Raptor, and the No. 1 liberal arts college in Florida for 2026  
32      and No. 10 among all public liberal arts colleges in the country  
33      by *U.S. News & World Report*, and

34      WHEREAS, New College of Florida set a record in fall 2025  
35      with a total enrollment of more than 900 students for the first  
36      time in the college's history, and

37      WHEREAS, to support this unprecedented growth and maintain  
38      its elite academic standards, the college recruited 65 new  
39      world-class faculty members, including prestigious visiting  
40      professors and presidential scholars-in-residence, thereby  
41      ensuring the preservation of New College's best-in-state 8-to-1  
42      student-to-faculty ratio, and

43      WHEREAS, an independent economic impact analysis reveals  
44      that New College of Florida has become a powerful engine for  
45      regional prosperity, with an economic impact of more than \$200  
46      million per year, and

47      WHEREAS, New College of Florida's acceptance into the  
48      National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics as a full  
49      member of the Sun Conference launched an athletics program that  
50      has quickly grown to 24 sports, and

51      WHEREAS, New College of Florida pursues the simple belief  
52      of teaching students how to think, not what to think, and in an  
53      age of rapid technological change, global competition, and  
54      information overload, New College knows students' ability to  
55      reason, question, write, and analyze is relevant and essential,  
56      NOW, THEREFORE,

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58      Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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60       That February 4, 2026, is designated as "New College Day"  
61       in Florida in recognition of New College of Florida's  
62       contributions as Florida's residential honors college and an  
63       outstanding institution of higher education.