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George Firestone
Secretary of State

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His Majesty King Juan Carlos I
of Spain
Palacio de la Carrzuela
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Sir:

1983 marks the 200th Anniversary of the Treaty of Paris under which the British returned Florida to the Spanish to begin the second Spanish period in the Territory.

The State of Florida plans to acknowledge this important occasion with a number of formal actions and events during the month of October. Measures in preparation include a resolution from the Governor and Cabinet proclaiming October as Hispanic Heritage Month, exhibits and performances at the Hispanic Heritage Festival in Miami, and a concert tour through the State by the Capella Davidica from Minorca.

One of the major events associated with Hispanic Heritage Month will be a ceremony in St. Augustine, site of the first Spanish settlement in Florida and the oldest city in the United States. This ceremony on Saturday, October 8, 1983, will be the occasion of the presentation of the Cabinet resolution to representatives from the City of St. Augustine, the Hispanic community in Florida, and Spain.

Because St. Augustine is the home of a significant Minorcan community, the ceremony will coincide with the visit to the city of the Minorcan Chorale. Dr. Fernando Rubio, a sponsor for the Capella Davidica, suggested that as Florida's Protocol Officer I write you to seek your participation in the event.



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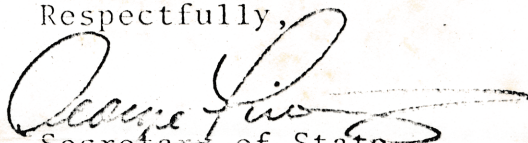
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Please accept this cordial invitation to join in the recognition of Florida's Hispanic heritage and the commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of the Treaty of Paris. I am most eager to include you or your chosen representative in this formal recognition ceremony.

Respectfully,


Secretary of State

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cc: The Honorable Bob Graham
Governor
State of Florida

Dr. Fernando A. Rubio



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