HARVEST of the MONTH

DAIRY COUNCIL OF FLORIDA

# *Florida History Timeline*

## 1500s

(1513) Spanish explorer, Juan Ponce de Leon landed near (present day) St. Augustine, named it La Florida, and claimed it for Spain

(1539) Hernando de Soto explored central and northern Florida

(1565) Spanish established St. Augustine, first permanent European settlement

## 1600s

(1650) Fort Matanzas built

## 1700s

(1740) British invaded Florida, native populations diminished

(1763) Britain gained control in exchange for Havana, Cuba. French & Indian War ends

(1768) British sugar, citrus, rice and indigo plantations established

(1770) Creeks Indians, later called Seminoles, entered Florida

(1781) American Revolution ends - United States declares independence

(1783) Spanish troops repossessed Florida

## 1800s

(1818) General Jackson fought Seminole Indians

(1821) United States acquired Florida from Spain by treaty

(1822) Tallahassee established as territorial capital

(1830-1840) Population boomed, settlers arrived by steamboat

(1834-1837) First railroads began operation

(1845) Florida became 27th state

(1851) Dr. John Gorrie patented ice making process

(1861-1865) Civil War began; Florida seceded from Union, joined Confederacy

(1868) Florida readmitted to Union

(1878) Tourism began at Silver Spring, H. Jones invented glass-bottom boat

(1881) Development of new industries: railroads, citrus, phosphate, timber, truck farming and tourism

(1894-1899) Frosts killed many citrus trees

## 1900s

(1905-1912) Construction of Henry Flagler's Overseas Railroad to Key West

(1917-1918) World War I, Florida was site for military training and shipbuilding

(1925- 1926) Florida Land Boom- People buying land and moving to Florida

(1927) Sugar growing and milling began in Everglades

(1941 - 1945) World War II, Florida again was a major site for military training and shipbuilding

(1947) Everglades National Park dedicated by President Truman

(1954) U.S. Supreme Court ruled segregation of public schools unconstitutional

(1958) NASA began operations at Cape Canaveral later called Cape Kennedy; first satellite, Explorer 1, launched

(1961) Cape Canaveral launched first manned vessel into space

(1962) Cuban Missile Crisis

(1964) Hurricane Cleo caused property damages of $115,320,000

(1969) Apollo 11 launched, carried first men to moon

(1971) Walt Disney World opened in Orlando

(1972) Apollo 16 landed on moon; Tropical Storm Agnes caused heavy damage to Florida eastern seaboard

(1977) Severe cold devastated citrus and vegetable crops

(1992) Hurricane Andrew devastated Homestead and South Florida

## 2000s

(2004) Four hurricanes struck Florida causing extensive damage

(2007) Crash of the early 21st century Florida Land Boom, resulting in major state budget deficits and the cutting back of state and local preservation programs

(2010) Gulf Oil Spill further impacted state economy

(2011) Space shuttle Atlantis final launch. End of the Space Shuttle Program at Kennedy

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