



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

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) Rattlers 2023 football team won the Southwestern Atlantic Conference (SWAC) Championship game on December 2<sup>nd</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, Head Coach Willie Simmons' Rattlers battled against the Prairie View A&M University Panthers at Bragg Memorial Stadium, and defeated the Panthers 35-14 in front of 14,628 fans; and

**WHEREAS**, FAMU running back Terrell Jennings led the team in rushing with 17 carries for 113 yards and two touchdowns, receiving the SWAC Championship's Offensive MVP, and defensive back Javan Morgan had five tackles and two interceptions, earning the SWAC Defensive MVP; and

**WHEREAS**, the FAMU Rattlers won their 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive home game, finished SWAC conference play 9-0, and completed the season 11-1; and

**WHEREAS**, with the victory over Prairie View A&M, the championship marks FAMU's fifth different sport (baseball, women's volleyball, women's tennis, and women's cross country) to win a SWAC Championship since joining the conference in 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the SWAC Championship propels the FAMU Rattlers to face Howard University at the Cricket Celebration Bowl in Atlanta on December 16<sup>th</sup> to determine the 2023 HBCU national champion; and

**WHEREAS**, FAMU's SWAC Championship joins the University's long list of remarkable recent achievements, including being ranked number ninety-one in the U.S. News and World Report Top 100 National Public Universities, number three among all Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HCBUs), and the highest ranked public HBCU for the fifth consecutive year.


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

**FAMU RATTLEERS 2023 FOOTBALL TEAM**

on its remarkable season and winning the 2023 SWAC Conference Championship.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF** the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida has hereunto subscribed his name on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.



  
**JIMMY PATRONIS**  
**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**  
**STATE FIRE MARSHAL**