Historical Mission San Luis Survives Hurricane Michael



In Tallahassee, Mission San Luis needs no introduction. Today, It's a place on the Florida Panhandle that the locals love and tourists flock to. Where adults and children alike can travel through time and experience its grounds as a park, take a blacksmithing class or enjoy some of the traditional indian foods. It even offers beautiful event <u>facilities.</u>

One Facebook user specifically <u>remarked</u>, "...like how they are recreating the old Spanish settlement, a gem in the middle of Tallahassee…" and has been referred to as the most "magical" and "beautiful" place in Tallahassee by another.

We're glad to say that Endureed's <u>Viva Palm series</u> has helped the Mission achieve aesthetics worthy of the site's historical integrity.



Endureed's Viva Palm Synthetic Thatching on full display.

Mission San Luis has had a bit of a tumultuous history. After it's construction in 1633, the mission was evacuated and destroyed in 1704 to prevent its use by an indian militia of Creek Indians and encroaching South Carolinians. The site was originally built by Spain to colonize the Florida Panhandle and convert both the Timucuan and Apalachee Indians to Christianity.

Since it's reconstruction on the original site inhabited by indigenous Native Americans, it is now an important story in history that honors everyone that has come before it. The site where the original mission stood was even <u>designated</u> a U.S. National Historic Landmark in 1966.

October 10th, 2018, Hurricane Michael <u>made landfall</u> on the florida panhandle as a near category 4 storm, facing winds as high as 155 MPH, Endureed is happy to report that despite some closures for some minor rehabilitation, the reconstructed mission has stood its ground! Endureed's Viva Palm on the recreated church even survived a <u>fallen tree</u> damage.



The Mission's Church as it stands today.

With Property damages expected to be in the <u>billions</u>, we're glad that our Endureed products are one less thing to worry about during a time of natural disaster in Florida. In a time of crisis for Floridians dealing with the tragedies of hurricane Michael, replacing their roofing is one last thing mission will have to deal with. We've been told by the missions staff that the roofing held well during storm.

We wish everyone the best in disaster relief recovery so people can get back to enjoying this historical masterpiece.

Visit <u>Mission San Luis</u> on the web and don't hesitate to contact Endureed to request a <u>FREE</u> sample of any of our products to help you serve you on your next project!