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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating the month of September 2018  
3 as "Violence Prevention and Awareness Month" in  
4 Florida.

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6 WHEREAS, the Department of Law Enforcement reports that in  
7 2016 violent crime posed a serious danger to Floridians, with  
8 1,108 homicides, 7,583 rapes, 59,678 aggravated assaults, and  
9 20,132 robberies committed in Florida, and

10 WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Investigation states that in  
11 2016 approximately 1,248,185 violent crimes occurred throughout  
12 the United States, including 17,250 homicides, 130,603 rapes,  
13 803,007 aggravated assaults, and 332,198 robberies, and

14 WHEREAS, more than 2,600 of the people killed in violent  
15 crimes each year are children age 19 or younger, such as the  
16 homicide on August 30, 2016, in which 8-year-old Jada Page was  
17 killed in a drive-by shooting in Miami, and

18 WHEREAS, the public has been horrified and saddened by the  
19 mass shooting events such as the one on June 12, 2016, in which  
20 49 people were killed and 53 people were wounded in the Pulse  
21 nightclub in Orlando, and

22 WHEREAS, in the most recent statistics, Florida has the 5th  
23 highest violent crime rate and the 23rd highest homicide rate in  
24 the United States, and

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25 WHEREAS, several Florida counties, including Miami-Dade,  
26 Palm Beach, and Marion, have created violence prevention  
27 projects to raise awareness and prevent violence in their  
28 communities, and

29 WHEREAS, it is imperative that there be greater public  
30 awareness and prevention of violence, NOW, THEREFORE,

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32 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
33 Florida:

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35 That the month of September 2018 is designated as "Violence  
36 Prevention and Awareness Month" in Florida.