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House Resolution

A resolution designating April 2018 as "Fair Housing Month" in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, Title VIII of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the federal Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 prohibit discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or familial status in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Commission on Human Relations was created by the Florida Legislature in 1969, pursuant to the Florida Civil Rights Act, to enforce anti-discrimination laws in this state and continually strives to educate the general public and members of the housing industry to ensure they are informed of their rights and responsibilities under fair housing laws, and

WHEREAS, in 1983, the Florida Legislature enacted its own Fair Housing Act to ensure that the state makes every effort to provide fair housing to all Florida residents and to prohibit discrimination in the sale or rental of any dwelling because of race, color, national origin, sex, or religion, and the act was amended in 1989 to prohibit discrimination based on disability or familial status, and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development has proclaimed April as "National Fair Housing

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Month," launching awareness campaigns to commemorate the historical passage of this major legislation, increase the public's understanding of the many protections of the federal Civil Rights Act, and encourage communities to remember and celebrate 50 years of housing successes, and

WHEREAS, April of 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act becoming law, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That April 2018 is designated as "Fair Housing Month" in the State of Florida in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act becoming law.