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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating the month of April 2009 as  
3 "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, sexual assault continues to be a major social  
6 crisis in our society, with one in nine women in Florida having  
7 been a victim of sexual violence, and

8 WHEREAS, sexual assault affects many Floridians, as a  
9 victim of sexual assault or as a family member, friend,  
10 significant other, neighbor, or co-worker of a victim of sexual  
11 assault, and

12 WHEREAS, sexual assault has a devastating effect on the  
13 lives of victims, impacting every aspect of a person's life and  
14 increasing the risk for post traumatic stress disorder,  
15 depression, suicide, homelessness, and substance abuse, and

16 WHEREAS, volunteers and service providers in Florida's 31  
17 certified rape crisis centers work to provide a continuum of  
18 care to sexual assault survivors through 24-hour hotlines,  
19 counseling, support groups, advocacy, medical care, and  
20 education, and

21 WHEREAS, the Florida Council Against Sexual Violence seeks  
22 to improve services for victims of sexual assault and to prevent  
23 future sexual assault through public awareness and services for  
24 victims, and

25 WHEREAS, the Florida House of Representatives recognizes  
26 the vital importance of designating a time devoted to increasing  
27 the general public's awareness and support of agencies providing

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28 | services to sexual assault victims, and envisions a future free  
29 | from sexual violence in our communities, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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34 |       That the Florida House of Representatives designates the  
35 | month of April 2009 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in  
36 | Florida.

37 |       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
38 | presented to the Florida Council Against Sexual Violence as a  
39 | tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.