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House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, endorsing rejection of the United Nations' Agenda 21 and its underlying harmful policies and urging Congress to reject any effort to implement Agenda 21 or such policies in the United States.

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WHEREAS, the State of Florida retains its residual and inviolable sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, Agenda 21 is an action plan developed in 1992 at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, also known as the "Earth Summit," in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with a specific goal of radically redefining future development and growth, and

WHEREAS, the first point of the five-year action agenda of Ban Ki-moon, the United Nations' Secretary-General, is sustainable development, described as a generational imperative, and

WHEREAS, Agenda 21 is being facilitated in local communities throughout the United States by ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, an independent, nongovernmental entity formerly known as the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives, which is recognized by the United Nations to provide guidance about implementation of sustainable development policies, such as Smart Growth, the Wildlands Project, Resilient Cities, regional visioning projects, and other green or alternative projects, and

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WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Florida Legislature to vigorously protect the interests of private property owners through enactment of legislation such as the Bert J. Harris, Jr., Private Property Rights Protection Act, and

WHEREAS, the tenets of Agenda 21 threaten the sovereignty of the State of Florida with respect to protection of private property rights, and

WHEREAS, Agenda 21 is not a treaty, and neither the United States nor any state or local government is legally bound to adhere to it, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by Legislature of State of Florida:

That rejection of the United Nations' Agenda 21 and its underlying harmful policies is hereby endorsed, and

That the Congress of the United States is urged to reject any effort to implement Agenda 21 or such policies in the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be dispatched to the President of United States, to the President of United States Senate, to the Speaker of United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.