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## House Resolution

A resolution designating February 2014 as "Periodontal Disease Awareness Month" in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, periodontal disease, also known as gum disease, is an infection of the tissues that support teeth, and

WHEREAS, oral bacteria called plaque is the major cause of periodontal disease, but other contributing factors include the overall condition of teeth, diet, general health, oral hygiene, and emotional stress, and

WHEREAS, if oral bacteria is not removed regularly by brushing and flossing teeth, plaque can harden into tartar and allow even more bacteria to accumulate under the gum line, which releases substances that are harmful to the bones and gums around teeth, and

WHEREAS, periodontal disease is painless and, in the early stages, difficult to detect with early warning signs, including bad breath and tender or swollen gums that bleed when brushing and flossing teeth, and

WHEREAS, persons suffering from periodontal disease usually show symptoms of the disease between 30 and 50 years of age, and

WHEREAS, increasing awareness about periodontal disease can improve community health and prevent serious health consequences, and

WHEREAS, Florida is committed to offering reliable oral health information that includes ways to treat and prevent periodontal disease in order to promote oral health, and

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28           WHEREAS, in the interest of public health, Florida  
29 considers it a priority to educate its citizens about the  
30 treatment options that can help them face the symptoms of  
31 periodontal disease and the dangers of leaving the disease  
32 untreated, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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37           That February 2014 is designated as "Periodontal Disease  
38 Awareness Month" in the State of Florida.