

By Senator Richter

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 2015 as "Volunteer Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, volunteers serve every day in this state, making our communities safer, stronger, and healthier, and

WHEREAS, volunteers improve the lives of our most vulnerable citizens, including seniors, children, and those with unique abilities, and

WHEREAS, volunteers help Florida job seekers by providing job coaching and professional development skills, creating a significant economic development impact, and

WHEREAS, state and local government leaders are increasingly turning to volunteers as a cost-effective solution to local challenges, while also saving taxpayer dollars, and

WHEREAS, volunteering can increase an individual's employment prospects by helping the job seeker to learn new skills, expand his or her professional network, and prepare for leadership roles, and

WHEREAS, volunteers in Florida serve as tutors and mentors at schools, helping students achieve academic success and preparing them for the workforce, and

WHEREAS, volunteers in this state support veterans by providing job training and engaging them in community service, and

WHEREAS, volunteers in Florida are critical to our state's emergency management efforts, responding to floods, hurricanes, fires, tornadoes, and other disasters, and

WHEREAS, volunteers in Florida work to protect and restore

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30 our precious natural resources, from beaches and rivers to
31 forests, lakes, and other sensitive habitats, and

32 WHEREAS, Volunteer Florida serves as the lead agency for
33 service and volunteerism in Florida, administering millions of
34 dollars in funding to grant recipients across this state and
35 promoting volunteerism by mobilizing Floridians to serve, NOW,
36 THEREFORE,

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38 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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40 That April 2015 is recognized as "Volunteer Month" in
41 Florida.