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## House Resolution

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2 A resolution designating the month of September as  
3 "Child Safety Awareness Month" in the State of  
4 Florida.

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6 WHEREAS, according to the National Safety Council, the  
7 leading cause of death for children between the ages of 1 and 4  
8 years is unintentional injury in and around the home, including  
9 falls, drowning, choking, suffocating, burns, and poisoning,  
10 with almost 4,000 fatalities and more than 4.5 million injuries  
11 each year, and

12 WHEREAS, heights, water, choking and suffocation hazards,  
13 electrical equipment, fires, pharmaceuticals, and cleaning  
14 products pose serious risks to children, and

15 WHEREAS, childproofing is an ongoing task that increases  
16 the amount of time often needed for children to get into  
17 dangerous situations, but it is no substitute for adult  
18 supervision, and

19 WHEREAS, adult guidance and supervision, including  
20 educating children about these various safety risks, is the most  
21 effective strategy for preventing childhood injuries, and

22 WHEREAS, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety  
23 Administration, three out of four child safety seats are  
24 improperly installed in vehicles, with many adults completely  
25 unaware that they have incorrectly installed a child safety seat

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26 or have prematurely transitioned a school-age child from a child  
 27 restraint to a seat belt, and

28 WHEREAS, abduction, bullying, child abuse, homelessness,  
 29 and depression are also dangerous issues affecting children  
 30 today, and

31 WHEREAS, educating parents, the community, and society as a  
 32 whole about ways to keep children safe at home, on the road, and  
 33 at play is critical because adults play a vital role in  
 34 protecting the health and well-being of children, Florida's most  
 35 precious assets, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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 40 That the month of September is designated as "Child Safety  
 41 Awareness Month" in the State of Florida and all citizens are  
 42 encouraged to evaluate the safety and protection devices and  
 43 plans they have in place for their children.