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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 2016 as "Springs  
Protection Awareness Month" in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, Florida's springs are essential to the  
environment, economy, citizens, and visitors of this state, and

WHEREAS, Florida has one of the most productive aquifers in  
the world, which supports more than 900 natural springs and  
gives this state one of the world's highest concentrations of  
springs, and

WHEREAS, the groundwater supply is vital to the state's  
economy, and approximately 93 percent of Florida residents rely  
on it for their drinking water, and

WHEREAS, Florida's springs reflect groundwater conditions  
and provide an important habitat for wildlife, making them a  
natural resource that must be protected, and

WHEREAS, springs provide important recreational resources  
and opportunities that are enjoyed by citizens and visitors of  
this state alike, and

WHEREAS, Florida's springs discharge nearly 8 billion  
gallons of water each day, and healthy springs reflect the State  
of Florida's commitment to sustainable groundwater and surface  
water resource protection, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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That April 2016 is recognized as "Springs Protection Awareness Month" in the State of Florida, and all levels of government are encouraged to support springs protection, restoration, and preservation awareness.