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## House Resolution

1 A resolution designating March 2016 as "Cerebral Palsy  
2 Awareness Month" in the State of Florida.  
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5 WHEREAS, cerebral palsy is an incurable neurological  
6 condition that impairs a person's ability to control his or her  
7 muscles, and

8 WHEREAS, the onset of cerebral palsy occurs while a child's  
9 brain is still developing, is the most common form of motor  
10 control disorder in children, and affects one out of every 330  
11 births in the United States, and

12 WHEREAS, in the majority of cases, the cause of cerebral  
13 palsy is congenital, but brain injury before birth or during  
14 labor and delivery, abnormal brain development, infection, or  
15 head injury caused by accident or abuse may also cause the  
16 disability, and

17 WHEREAS, early signs of cerebral palsy include delayed  
18 development of abilities such as rolling over, sitting,  
19 standing, and walking, and

20 WHEREAS, as the disability further progresses, a child with  
21 cerebral palsy may not be able to clap, touch his or her mouth,  
22 or crawl on all fours, and

23 WHEREAS, as no cure exists for cerebral palsy, treatments  
24 focus on managing the disorder, optimizing the child's  
25 potential, and preventing or correcting deformities, and

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26 WHEREAS, support groups are dedicated to promoting  
27 awareness of the needs of persons with cerebral palsy and  
28 advocating for their rights, and

29 WHEREAS, cerebral palsy is a lifelong disorder that  
30 requires continued research to find treatment options to help  
31 those affected by it and to educate and raise awareness among  
32 families and loved ones, 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 March 2016 is designated as "Cerebral Palsy Awareness  
38 Month" in the State of Florida and all citizens are encouraged  
39 to acknowledge the necessity for continued research of the  
40 disorder and for understanding and supporting individuals and  
41 their caregivers who are affected by the disability.