

By Senator Powell

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Senate Resolution

A resolution designating April 3-7, 2017, as "Boys and Girls Club Week" in Florida.

WHEREAS, every day more than a million youth in Florida leave school with no place to go to, leaving these youth unsupervised, unguided, and unsafe, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs serves more than 161,000 young people at 253 club facilities in Florida, and

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Clubs have helped strengthen the community by providing a safe, positive, constructive place for youth, and

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Clubs offer young people a wide variety of educational, recreational, cultural, and social programs, and

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Clubs enrich the lives of the youth of this state and foster opportunities for young people from low-income and moderate-income families, and

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Clubs offer after-school and summer enrichment programs for boys and girls, and, while the young people they serve face many obstacles, the Boys and Girls Clubs are a constant positive influence in their lives, and

WHEREAS, while 24 percent of youth in Florida do not graduate from high school, 95 percent of teenage members of the Boys and Girls Clubs expect to graduate from high school, with 75 percent expecting to complete some form of postsecondary education, and

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Clubs have a long history of

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30 providing after-school educational programs that launch young
31 people on the path to success, and

32 WHEREAS, the Senate has determined that an important public
33 purpose exists for appropriating public funds to Florida's Boys
34 and Girls Clubs, including, but not limited to, funds for the
35 provision of educational, recreational, cultural, after-school,
36 summer enrichment, and social programs for young people from
37 low-income and moderate-income families in Florida, and

38 WHEREAS, the Florida Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs
39 celebrates National Boys and Girls Club Week along with more
40 than 4,000 clubs and 4 million people nationwide, NOW,
41 THEREFORE,

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

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45 That April 3-7, 2017, is designated as "Boys and Girls Club
46 Week" in Florida.