

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating the month of September 2017
3 as "Violence Prevention and Awareness Month" in
4 Florida.

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6 WHEREAS, the Department of Law Enforcement reports that in
7 2015 violent crime posed a serious danger to Floridians, with
8 1,040 homicides, 7,537 rapes, 60,539 aggravated assaults, and
9 21,097 robberies committed in Florida, and

10 WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Investigation states that in
11 2015 approximately 1,197,704 violent crimes occurred throughout
12 the United States, including 15,696 homicides, 124,047 rapes,
13 764,449 aggravated assaults, and 327,374 robberies, and

14 WHEREAS, more than 2,600 of the people killed in violent
15 crimes each year are children age 19 or younger, such as the
16 homicide on August 30, 2016, in which 8-year-old Jada Page was
17 killed in a drive-by shooting in Miami, and

18 WHEREAS, the public has been horrified and saddened by the
19 mass shooting events such as the one on June 12, 2016, in which
20 49 people were killed and 53 people were wounded in the Pulse
21 nightclub in Orlando, and

22 WHEREAS, Florida has the 5th highest violent crime rate and
23 the 14th highest homicide rate in the United States, and

24 WHEREAS, several Florida counties, including Miami-Dade,
25 Palm Beach, and Marion, have created violence prevention

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26 | projects to raise awareness and prevent violence in their
27 | communities, and

28 | WHEREAS, it is imperative that there be greater public
29 | awareness and prevention of violence, NOW, THEREFORE,

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31 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
32 | Florida:

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34 | That the month of September 2017 is designated as "Violence
35 | Prevention and Awareness Month" in Florida.