

By Senator Garcia

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Senate Resolution

A resolution to recognize February 2018 as "Safe Haven for Newborns Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, tragic cases of infant abandonment remain a reality in Florida and nationwide, and

WHEREAS, a society in which children are born to mothers and fathers lacking the capability and resources with which to nurture them must find ways to step in and provide shelter for each newborn child until a home can be found for that child, and

WHEREAS, the A Safe Haven for Newborns organization provides a safe and legal solution to the quandary of the parents of such children, saving the lives of infants otherwise in danger of abandonment and simultaneously preserving their biological parents from a lifetime of guilt, anguish, and irreparable regret, and

WHEREAS, A Safe Haven for Newborns helps to fulfill the dreams and needs of many Florida families who are prepared to raise children and who are waiting and hoping to adopt children, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the counseling and support that A Safe Haven for Newborns provides to often young and unprepared parents-to-be who are in extreme crisis, it also works with a variety of professionals to address the conditions leading to these potentially tragic pregnancies and births, and

WHEREAS, in creating A Safe Haven for Newborns, the Gloria M. Silverio Foundation has provided a magnificent service to Florida communities and vital leadership to others across the nation who share the organization's imperative to prevent the

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30 tragedy of infant abandonment, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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34 That February 2018 is recognized as "Safe Haven for

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