

By Senator Bradley

5-00297-18

20181936__

Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 2018 as "Springs Protection Awareness Month" in Florida.

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

WHEREAS, the Floridan Aquifer, one of the most productive in the world, supports more than 700 natural springs, giving this state the world's highest concentration of springs, and

WHEREAS, groundwater plays a vital role in the state's economy, and more than 93 percent of Florida residents rely on this groundwater supply for their drinking water, and

WHEREAS, springs are a natural resource that must be protected because they reflect groundwater conditions and provide an important habitat for wildlife, including species listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act, and

WHEREAS, springs also provide important recreational resources and opportunities that are enjoyed by residents and visitors alike, and

WHEREAS, Florida's more than 900 natural springs discharge more than 19 billion gallons of fresh water each day, which is essential for sustaining spring runs and associated receiving water bodies, and

WHEREAS, healthy springs reflect the State of Florida's commitment to sustain and protect ground and surface water resources, NOW, THEREFORE,

5-00297-18

20181936__

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

31

32 That April 2018 is recognized as "Springs Protection
33 Awareness Month" in Florida, and all levels of government are
34 encouraged to support springs protection, restoration, and
35 preservation awareness.