

By Senator Taddeo

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the value of film and television production as an economic driver and a creator of high-wage jobs, encouraging the collaboration of public-sector and private-sector efforts through the development of programs and partnerships, and encouraging the Florida Office of Film and Entertainment's continued support of various collaborative programs and partnerships for national and international marketing.

WHEREAS, this state has a rich history as a primary center for film and television production in the United States and, with its natural scenic beauty and diverse environment, has long been considered one of the premier locations for film and television production in the world, and

WHEREAS, historically, this state has maintained a highly trained and professional film and television production workforce, a wide variety of support businesses essential to film and television production, and a resilient infrastructure capable of supporting film and television production, and

WHEREAS, this state's nationally acclaimed colleges and universities continue to produce talented filmmakers, many of whom are on scholarships funded by this state and would prefer to remain in this state upon graduation, but often decide to relocate in pursuit of more favorable economic environments, and

WHEREAS, tourism is a principal component of this state's economy, the opportunity to tour filming locations is widely acknowledged as a boon to tourism, and this state recognizes

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30 that film production contributes substantially to tourism in  
31 this state, and

32 WHEREAS, traditionally, this state has supported the film  
33 and television industry through financial incentives, tax  
34 exemptions, and marketing, and

35 WHEREAS, counties and local communities also are engaging  
36 in efforts to reinvigorate film and television production across  
37 the state, and

38 WHEREAS, in its November 2018 analysis of this state's film  
39 and television industry, Florida TaxWatch, Inc., encouraged the  
40 private sector to develop its own incentive and subsidy programs  
41 and this approach has received public support, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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45 That the Senate recognizes the value of film and television  
46 production as an economic driver and a creator of high-wage  
47 jobs.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate encourages the  
49 continued collaboration of both public-sector and private-sector  
50 efforts to develop programs and partnerships related to film and  
51 television production.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate supports and  
53 encourages the Florida Office of Film and Entertainment as it  
54 continues to promote such partnerships, including national and  
55 international collaborative programs, in its national and  
56 international marketing efforts.