

By Senator Perry

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 2019 as "Landscape Architecture Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, landscape architecture encompasses the analysis, design, planning, management, and stewardship of the natural and built environment, and

WHEREAS, Floridians benefit from the licensed practice of landscape architecture, which assures the design of healthy, equitable, safe, and resilient public and private outdoor spaces, and

WHEREAS, landscape architects are responsible for protecting the public health by creating accessible spaces, such as public plazas, parks, schools, residential common areas, playgrounds, and trails that lead to active lifestyles and healthy communities, and

WHEREAS, landscape architects are also responsible for promoting public safety by applying land design skills, technical knowledge, and conservation techniques that ensure the safety of individuals and communities, and for protecting the public welfare by purposefully designing public and private spaces that provide economic, social, and environmental benefits for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy, and

WHEREAS, there are more than 1,200 landscape architects in Florida who are licensed by the Florida Board of Landscape Architecture through the Department of Business and Professional Regulation and have met the education, examination, and experience requirements imposed by the board, and

WHEREAS, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics

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30 (STEM) knowledge is at the core of the professional practice of
31 landscape architecture and informs landscape architects as
32 innovators, educators, researchers, and leaders who can solve
33 the most pressing challenges facing Florida's communities, and

34 WHEREAS, landscape architects promote security and safety
35 through transportation design and planning of multi-use
36 transportation corridors that accommodate all users, including
37 pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and people who use public
38 transportation, including people with disabilities, while also
39 protecting sidewalks, public plazas, and other vulnerable
40 outdoor areas from potential attackers and security threats, and

41 WHEREAS, landscape architects are leaders in creating
42 resilient and green infrastructure designs that address erosion
43 and sediment control, stormwater management, and strategies to
44 mitigate the effects of sea level rise and flood waters, thus
45 allowing communities to better withstand and respond to severe
46 weather events and lessening the need for state and local funds
47 and resources in disaster-recovery efforts, and

48 WHEREAS, landscape architects are leaders in creating
49 sustainable landscapes, helping to reduce water demand and
50 energy consumption, conserve and restore natural resources,
51 preserve wildlife habitats, improve air quality, and regulate
52 climate, and

53 WHEREAS, landscape architects believe in and prioritize the
54 fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people
55 regardless of race, national origin, education level, or income
56 with regard to the development and implementation of public
57 designs and plans, and

58 WHEREAS, Florida's economy benefits from licensed landscape

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59 architects through the creation of inviting and safe spaces for
60 the public, residents, and tourists alike, while simultaneously
61 protecting the environment and associated ecological systems,
62 and

63 WHEREAS, the University of Florida and Florida
64 International University have accredited landscape architecture
65 programs, preparing students to be the next generation of
66 leaders and innovators in landscape architecture in Florida,
67 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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71 That April 2019 is recognized as "Landscape Architecture
72 Month" in Florida.