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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating the month of September 2019  
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 2017 violent crime posed a serious danger to Floridians, with  
8 1,057 homicides, 7,934 rapes, 57,984 aggravated assaults, and  
9 18,583 robberies committed in Florida, and

10 WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Investigation states that in  
11 2017 approximately 1,247,321 violent crimes occurred throughout  
12 the United States, including 17,284 homicides, 135,755 rapes,  
13 810,825 aggravated assaults, and 319,356 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 the one on February 14, 2018, in which  
22 17 people were killed and 14 people were wounded at Marjory  
23 Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, and

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24 WHEREAS, in the most recent statistics, Florida has the  
25 21st highest violent crime rate and the 25th highest homicide  
26 rate in the United States, and

27 WHEREAS, several Florida counties, including Miami-Dade,  
28 Palm Beach, and Marion, have created violence prevention  
29 projects to raise awareness and prevent violence in their  
30 communities, and

31 WHEREAS, it is imperative that there be greater public  
32 awareness and prevention of violence, NOW, THEREFORE,

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34 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
35 Florida:

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37 That the month of September 2019 is designated as "Violence  
38 Prevention and Awareness Month" in Florida.