

By Senator Farmer

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Senate Resolution

A resolution acknowledging the importance of conserving food and preventing food waste and recognizing April 5-9, 2021, as "Food Waste Prevention Week" in Florida.

WHEREAS, despite the best efforts of advocates in our community, such as Farm Share, Feeding South Florida, Meals on Wheels, Pantry of Broward, Hunger Fight, United Way, South Florida Hunger Coalition, and many more, food is still wasted in this state and nationwide, and

WHEREAS, each year up to 3 million tons of food is wasted in this state, while 1 in 5 Floridians lacks consistent access to nutritious food for an active and healthy life, and

WHEREAS, all Floridians benefit from better utilization of food resources, and

WHEREAS, with as much as 40 percent of food waste occurring in households, food waste prevention begins at home, and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that a family of four spends up to \$1,500 on uneaten food annually, and

WHEREAS, K-12 schools and institutions of higher learning have a special role in educating the next generation on the importance of recovering and recycling food and reducing waste, and

WHEREAS, Floridians have the opportunity to save shared resources like water, land, and energy which are used to produce and transport food that ultimately goes uneaten, and

WHEREAS, food in landfills decomposes slowly, releasing methane, a greenhouse gas up to 30 times more potent than carbon

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30 dioxide, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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34 That conserving food and preventing food waste are powerful
35 strategies to save money, reduce hunger, and protect the
36 environment in communities throughout this state, and that April
37 5-9, 2021, is recognized as "Food Waste Prevention Week" in
38 Florida.