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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing April 2021 as "Minority
3 Health Month" in Florida.
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5 WHEREAS, National Minority Health Month is a month-long
6 national initiative to advance health equity across the country
7 on behalf of all racial and ethnic minorities, and

8 WHEREAS, National Minority Health Month began with Booker
9 T. Washington advocating for a National Negro Health Week in
10 1915, and

11 WHEREAS, in 2002, the United States Congress said that a
12 National Minority Health and Health Disparities Month, "should
13 be established to promote educational efforts on the health
14 problems facing minorities and other health disparity
15 populations," and

16 WHEREAS, as an example of such health problems and
17 disparities, according to a report by the National Center for
18 Health Statistics, Black women are dying two-and-a-half times
19 more often than white women due to maternal causes, and

20 WHEREAS, according to a study published in 2019 by a
21 researcher at George Washington University School of Medicine
22 and Health Sciences, Black and Hispanic emergency room patients
23 were 40 percent and 25 percent less likely to receive pain
24 medication than white patients, respectively, and

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25 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and
26 Prevention, certain vulnerable populations, such as non-Hispanic
27 African Americans, individuals living in nonmetropolitan areas,
28 and adults with lower levels of education and income or who do
29 not have health insurance are more likely to forego the COVID-19
30 vaccine, and

31 WHEREAS, the theme of this year's National Minority Health
32 Month is "Vaccine Ready," which aims to share the facts about
33 COVID-19 vaccines and help communities practice COVID-19 safety
34 measures and get vaccinated, NOW, THEREFORE,

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36 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
37 Florida:

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39 That April 2021 is recognized as "Minority Health Month" in
40 Florida.