

House Resolution

A resolution recognizing February 9, 2022, as
 "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council is
 charged by the Federal Government with ensuring that persons
 with developmental disabilities are able to live where they
 choose, with other persons as they so choose, and with the
 opportunity to participate fully in their communities, and

WHEREAS, having a developmental disability is a way of life
 for the more than 425,634 Floridians living with a developmental
 disability that in no way diminishes their right to live
 independently, enjoy self-determination, make choices, and
 contribute to their community, and

WHEREAS, seventy-five percent of persons with developmental
 disabilities in the United States live with a family caregiver
 and one-third of those persons live with a family caregiver who
 is 60 years of age or older, and

WHEREAS, direct-support professionals provide critical
 caregiving and support to persons with developmental
 disabilities, whether in the person's home, a family member's
 home, or a group home, in order to provide assistance to the
 families of such persons, and

WHEREAS, public education is important to enhance the
 understanding and awareness of the abilities and issues

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26 | affecting persons with developmental disabilities, NOW,
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29 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
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32 | That February 9, 2022, is recognized as "Developmental
33 | Disabilities Awareness Day" in Florida.