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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing April 2022 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, a study published in 2019 by a researcher at
21 George Washington University School of Medicine and Health
22 Sciences revealed that Black and Hispanic patients were less
23 likely than white patients to receive medication for acute pain,
24 with the meta-analysis performed in the research demonstrating

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25 | the presence of racial and ethnic disparities in the
26 | administration of pain management medication, and

27 | WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and
28 | Prevention, certain vulnerable populations, such as racial and
29 | ethnic minority groups, are at higher risk of getting sick and
30 | dying of COVID-19, and

31 | WHEREAS, historical inequities in treatment and events like
32 | the Tuskegee Syphilis Study may explain why some from racial and
33 | ethnic minority groups do not trust healthcare systems and may
34 | therefore be more hesitant to get a COVID-19 vaccine, and

35 | WHEREAS, the theme of the 2022 National Minority Health
36 | Month is "Give Your Community a Boost," NOW, THEREFORE,

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38 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
39 | Florida:

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41 | That April 2022 is recognized as "Minority Health Month" in
42 | Florida.