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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 2024 as "Developmental Disability Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, developmental disabilities are a group of conditions related to an impairment in physical, learning, language, or behavior areas often impacting day-to-day functioning, which begin during the developmental period and usually last throughout a person's lifetime, and

WHEREAS, common developmental disabilities include autism spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, hearing or vision loss, learning disorders, and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, and

WHEREAS, genetics, parental health and behaviors during pregnancy, and complications during birth are among the many possible factors that cause developmental disabilities, and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control estimates that 17 percent of children of all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups between the ages of 3 and 17 have at least one developmental disability, and

WHEREAS, living with developmental disabilities can mean navigating difficulties with mobility, communication, independent living, and physical and mental health issues as well as being vulnerable to physical, psychological, legal, and systemic abuse and neglect, and

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26 WHEREAS, developmentally disabled Floridians have
27 contributed greatly to the cultural and historical landscape of
28 the state and are an important part of our community worthy of
29 inclusion, acceptance, and respect for their autonomy and
30 experiences, NOW, THEREFORE,

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32 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
33 Florida:

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35 That March 2024 is recognized as "Developmental Disability
36 Awareness Month" in Florida.