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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating March 2026 as "Developmental
3 Disabilities Awareness Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, developmental disabilities are a group of
6 conditions that cause impairments in physical, learning,
7 language, or behavioral areas, often beginning during the
8 developmental period and lasting throughout a person's lifetime,
9 and

10 WHEREAS, developmental disabilities include conditions such
11 as autism spectrum disorders, cerebral palsy, attention-deficit
12 hyperactivity disorder, learning or intellectual disabilities,
13 hearing loss, vision impairment, and other developmental delays,
14 and

15 WHEREAS, approximately one in six children in the United
16 States are diagnosed with a developmental disability, and

17 WHEREAS, thousands of individuals with developmental
18 disabilities in Florida contribute to their communities,
19 workplaces, and schools when provided equitable access to
20 healthcare, education, and employment opportunities, and

21 WHEREAS, "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" was
22 established in 1987 by President Ronald Reagan to highlight the
23 importance of fostering a society where people with disabilities
24 are empowered to contribute to their communities, and

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25 WHEREAS, national awareness campaigns and organizations
26 annually observe "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" in
27 March by understanding and acceptance of people with
28 developmental disabilities, supporting affected individuals and
29 their families, highlighting available resources and services,
30 and advocating for inclusive education, equitable employment
31 opportunities, and accessible communities, and

32 WHEREAS, while March provides an opportunity for heightened
33 awareness, true awareness and inclusion happen when communities
34 commit to creating accessible environments and productive
35 opportunities year-round, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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40 That March 2026 is designated as "Developmental
41 Disabilities Awareness Month" in Florida.