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House Resolution

A resolution designating March 2026 as "Autoimmune Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, researchers have identified more than 140 autoimmune diseases, many of which are chronic, debilitating, and currently have no known cure, and

WHEREAS, autoimmune diseases can affect nearly every part of the human body, including the blood, blood vessels, muscles, nervous system, gastrointestinal tract, endocrine glands, and multiple organ systems, and can be life-threatening, and

WHEREAS, autoimmune diseases display a high degree of comorbidity within individuals and families, suggesting shared risk factors, and

WHEREAS, autoimmune diseases have a major impact on the individuals and families they affect, as well as our society and health care costs, and current projections suggest that autoimmune diseases may soon take their place among the predominant medical disorders, and

WHEREAS, approximately 8 percent of the United States population is living with an autoimmune disease, and nearly 80 percent of those with an autoimmune disease are women, and

WHEREAS, autoimmune diseases in children are rare and they can be challenging to diagnose and difficult to treat, and

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25 WHEREAS, diagnosing autoimmune conditions remains
26 difficult, with studies indicating that up to 76 percent of
27 patients receive at least one incorrect diagnosis before the
28 underlying cause is identified, and

29 WHEREAS, delays in diagnosis can be frustrating and take a
30 toll on both physical and mental health and can also result in
31 significant harm, and

32 WHEREAS, the Autoimmune Association has reported that it
33 takes on average 4.5 years for a patient to receive an
34 autoimmune disease diagnosis, and

35 WHEREAS, "Autoimmune Awareness Month" serves as a valuable
36 opportunity to help educate the public about autoimmune
37 diseases, support individuals and families, and promote greater
38 understanding of these diseases, NOW, THEREFORE,

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40 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
41 Florida:

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43 That March 2026 is designated as "Autoimmune Awareness
44 Month" in Florida.