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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing April 2023 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 the Centers for Disease Control and
18 Prevention Office of Health Equity, Black women are three times
19 more likely than white women to die from pregnancy-related
20 causes, and

21 WHEREAS, according to a study published in 2019 by a
22 researcher at George Washington University School of Medicine
23 and Health Sciences, Black and Hispanic emergency room patients
24 were 40 percent and 25 percent less likely to receive pain
25 medication than white patients, respectively, and

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26 WHEREAS, the theme of the 2023 National Minority Health
27 Month is "Better Health Through Better Understanding," which
28 focuses on improving health outcomes for racial and ethnic
29 minority and American Indian and Alaska Native communities by
30 providing them with culturally and linguistically competent
31 healthcare services, information, and resources, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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36 That April 2023 is recognized as "Minority Health Month" in
37 Florida.