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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating April 2024 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 the health of racial and ethnic  
7 minority communities and reduce health disparities, and

8 WHEREAS, National Minority Health Month began with the  
9 launching of National Health Improvement Week in 1915 by Booker  
10 T. Washington, which later became National Negro Health Week,  
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12 WHEREAS, in 2002, the United States Congress issued a  
13 concurrent resolution, declaring that "a National Minority  
14 Health and Health Disparities Month should be established to  
15 promote educational efforts on the health problems currently  
16 facing minorities and other health disparity populations," and

17 WHEREAS, heart disease is the leading cause of death in the  
18 United States, with one person dying from the disease every 33  
19 seconds, according to the Centers for Disease Control and  
20 Prevention, and

21 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Human Services  
22 Office of Minority Health estimates that 35.2 percent of African  
23 Americans 18 years of age and older had high blood pressure in  
24 2021, compared to 28.3 percent of non-Hispanic whites, and

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25 WHEREAS, in 2019, African Americans were 30 percent more  
26 likely to die from heart disease than non-Hispanic whites, and

27 WHEREAS, according to the American Heart Association, from  
28 2015 to 2018, 50.6 percent of Hispanic adult males and 40.8  
29 percent of females 20 years of age or older in the United States  
30 had high blood pressure, and

31 WHEREAS, blood pressure and cholesterol can be modified  
32 through diet, exercise, and medication, and

33 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human  
34 Services recognizes April as "National Minority Health Month,"  
35 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 April 2024 is designated as "Minority Health Month" in  
41 Florida to increase awareness of high blood pressure and  
42 cholesterol screenings for all.