

House Resolution

A resolution designating February 2023 as  
 "Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease Awareness  
 Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of  
 death in the United States, and

WHEREAS, approximately 21 million individuals in the United  
 States have been diagnosed with atherosclerotic cardiovascular  
 disease (ASCVD), making them at risk for a cardiovascular event,  
 and

WHEREAS, ASCVD is linked to the build-up of cholesterol in  
 the arteries, and the risk of associated events can be modified  
 by lowering low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C), and

WHEREAS, in 2016, nearly 70 million adults in the United  
 States had higher than recommended LDL-C levels, and

WHEREAS, approximately 43.1 million Americans are being  
 treated with lipid-lowering therapies to manage cardiovascular  
 risk, and

WHEREAS, a study conducted by the University of California  
 found that only 20 percent of people with ASCVD who were taking  
 statins, one of the leading lipid-lowering therapies, achieved  
 healthy levels of LDL-C, and

WHEREAS, as of 2019, an estimated 2 million adults in  
 Florida have been diagnosed or informed by a health professional

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26 | that they had coronary artery disease or had suffered a stroke  
 27 | or heart attack, all of which are manifestations of ASCVD, and  
 28 |       WHEREAS, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)  
 29 | data for that same year shows that an estimated 1 million  
 30 | Floridians have experienced a heart attack and more than 700,000  
 31 | Floridians have experienced a stroke in their lifetime, and  
 32 |       WHEREAS, CDC data shows that in 2019, the effects of ASCVD  
 33 | were reported as underlying causes of death for 34,781  
 34 | Floridians, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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 39 |       That February 2023 is designated as "Atherosclerotic  
 40 | Cardiovascular Disease Awareness Month" in Florida.