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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing April 2015 as "Fair Housing  
3 Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, Title VIII of the federal Civil Rights Act of  
6 1968, as amended by the federal Fair Housing Amendments Act of  
7 1988, prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion,  
8 sex, national origin, disability, or familial status in the  
9 sale, rental, and financing of dwellings, and

10 WHEREAS, in 1983, the Legislature enacted the Florida Fair  
11 Housing Act to ensure that the state makes every effort to  
12 promote fair housing for all residents and to prohibit  
13 discrimination in the sale or rental of any dwelling because of  
14 race, color, national origin, sex, or religion, and the act was  
15 amended in 1989 to prohibit discrimination based on familial  
16 status or mental impairment, and

17 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban  
18 Development has proclaimed April as "National Fair Housing  
19 Month" and conducts awareness campaigns to commemorate the  
20 historical passage of this major legislation, increase the  
21 public's understanding of the many protections of the Civil  
22 Rights Act, and encourage communities to remember and celebrate  
23 47 years of housing successes, and

24 WHEREAS, as authorized under law, the Florida Commission on  
25 Human Relations conducts thorough and timely investigations of  
26 housing discrimination complaints and, as a result of its  
27 investigative efforts, has found that housing discrimination  
28 continues in Florida, with disability, race, national origin,  
29 familial status, and sex constituting the top five bases for

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30 housing discrimination during the 2013-2014 fiscal year, and  
31       WHEREAS, the Florida Commission on Human Relations  
32 continually strives to educate the general public and members of  
33 the housing industry to ensure that they are informed of their  
34 rights and responsibilities under fair housing laws and to  
35 engage in community partnerships so that all persons are  
36 provided fair and equal access to adequate and affordable  
37 housing without being subjected to discrimination, prejudice, or  
38 barriers, NOW, THEREFORE,

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40 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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42       That April 2015 is recognized as "Fair Housing Month" in  
43 Florida and that state and local governmental leaders,  
44 communities, and individuals are encouraged to observe this  
45 important occasion through ceremonies and activities celebrating  
46 historical and future efforts to ensure fair and equal access to  
47 housing for all Floridians.