

By Senator Joyner

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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.