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8 RECOGNIZING APRIL 2019 AS SELF-CARE AWARENESS MONTH.

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10 WHEREAS, the observance of Self-Care Awareness Month
11 in April 2019 reminds citizens to pay attention to their
12 health; and

13 WHEREAS, self-care is a lifelong daily habit of
14 healthy lifestyle choices that encompasses good hygiene
15 practices, awareness of bodily changes, a healthy diet,
16 regular exercise, symptom monitoring, and the prevention of
17 infection and illness; self-care requires knowing when it is
18 appropriate to self-treat conditions and when to seek
19 professional assistance from a health care practitioner; and

20 WHEREAS, consumers today have access to a wide range
21 of over-the-counter (OTC) medications, which may have been
22 developed as such or which may have previously required a
23 prescription; the United States Food and Drug Administration
24 permits the sale of OTC medicine for the treatment of pain and
25 minor health conditions, including colds and allergies;
26 according to a Booz and Company study, every dollar spent on

1 these medicines saved the health care system as much as \$7.00
2 resulting in a \$102 billion annual savings; and

3 WHEREAS, self-care can reduce unnecessary visits to
4 health care practitioners, saving consumers and government
5 money while allowing doctors and nurses to spend more time
6 with patients who require their special expertise; and

7 WHEREAS, Alabama benefits when its citizens practice
8 appropriate self-care, and the citizens are empowered by
9 higher self-esteem, improved health, and reduced use of health
10 care services; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we encourage consumers, health
13 care practitioners, policymakers, and regulators to
14 communicate the benefits of self-care and recognize April 2019
15 as Self-Care Awareness Month in Alabama.