

By Representative Tobin

1 House Resolution
2 A resolution declaring June 1998 as Scleroderma
3 Awareness Month.
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5 WHEREAS, the health of the citizens in our communities
6 is the foundation for a caring and productive society, and
7 WHEREAS, our future depends, in great measure, upon our
8 ability to find cures for and adequately treat individuals who
9 are afflicted with a variety of illnesses, and
10 WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Americans are
11 afflicted with scleroderma, a disfiguring and debilitating
12 connective tissue disorder that affects the vascular and
13 immune systems, resulting in a hardening of the skin and
14 organs, and
15 WHEREAS, this painful condition can strike at any age,
16 regardless of gender or ethnicity, although women between the
17 ages of 25 and 55 are more likely to be afflicted than are
18 men, and
19 WHEREAS, the noble work of the United Scleroderma
20 Foundation has provided us all with hope that someday this
21 disease will be eradicated, and that their efforts to educate
22 and comfort those touched by scleroderma will be justly
23 rewarded with a cure, NOW, THEREFORE,
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25 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
26 Florida:
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28 That in order to provide an opportunity to educate the
29 public about this often life-threatening disease and the more
30 than 700,000 Americans who suffer from it, the Legislature of
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1 the State of Florida does hereby proclaim the month of June
2 1998 to be Scleroderma Awareness Month.
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