

By Representatives Greenstein and Jacobs

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House Resolution

A resolution declaring June 1999 as Scleroderma Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, the health of the citizens in our communities is the foundation for a caring and productive society, and

WHEREAS, our future depends, in great measure, upon our ability to find cures for and adequately treat individuals who are afflicted with a variety of illnesses, and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Americans are afflicted with scleroderma, a disfiguring and debilitating connective tissue disorder that affects the vascular and immune systems, resulting in a hardening of the skin and organs, and

WHEREAS, this painful condition can strike at any age, regardless of gender or ethnicity, although women between the ages of 25 and 55 are more likely to be afflicted than are men, and

WHEREAS, the noble work of the United Scleroderma Foundation has provided us all with hope that someday this disease will be eradicated, and that their efforts to educate and comfort those touched by scleroderma will be justly rewarded with a cure, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

That in order to provide an opportunity to educate the public about this often life-threatening disease and the more than 700,000 Americans who suffer from it, the Legislature of

1 the State of Florida does hereby proclaim the month of June
2 1999 to be Scleroderma Awareness Month.
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