

By Senator Klein

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1 Senate Resolution No. ____

2 A resolution supporting the Richard David Kann
3 Melanoma Foundation and recognizing Monday, May
4 7, 2001, as Melanoma Monday--Skin Cancer
5 Awareness Day.

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7 WHEREAS, the Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation is
8 dedicated to educating the residents of Florida about the
9 prevention and early detection of skin cancer, and

10 WHEREAS, melanoma and other skin cancers affect more
11 than 1 million Americans each year and cause the death of more
12 than 10,000 Americans each year, and

13 WHEREAS, melanoma and other skin cancers are highly
14 preventable and curable when detected early, and

15 WHEREAS, education about the prevention and early
16 detection of skin cancer may significantly decrease the
17 incidence rate of skin cancer and the pain, trauma, and
18 expense associated with skin cancer morbidity and mortality,
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20 WHEREAS, the residents of Florida are particularly
21 vulnerable to this disease due to the year-round sunny climate
22 of the state and overexposure to the ultraviolet radiation of
23 the sun, and

24 WHEREAS, the American Academy of Dermatology has
25 designated Monday, May 7, 2001, as Melanoma Monday--Skin
26 Cancer Awareness Day, and

27 WHEREAS, the state has a substantial interest in
28 promoting the health and welfare of children and families to
29 educate them concerning the prevention and early detection of
30 melanoma and other skin cancers, and

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1 WHEREAS, all Florida residents are encouraged to avoid
2 overexposure to the sun during the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
3 when the sun's rays are most dangerous; to apply sunscreen of
4 SPF 15 or higher before going outside and reapply sunscreen
5 frequently during outdoor activities; and to wear protective
6 clothing when outdoors, including a wide-brimmed hat,
7 long-sleeved shirt and long pants during prolonged periods of
8 sun exposure, NOW THEREFORE,

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

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12 That the Florida Senate recognizes Monday, May 7, 2001,
13 as Melanoma Monday--Skin Cancer Awareness Day.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florida Senate urges
15 all Floridians to make a conscious effort to help prevent
16 melanoma and other skin cancers.

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