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Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

A resolution recognizing April 2004 as Cancer Control Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, cancer will strike approximately one out of two men and about one out of every three women, and

WHEREAS, cancer accounts for one out of every four deaths, and is second only to heart disease as the leading cause of death, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that more than 97,000 new cases of cancer in Florida will be diagnosed and more than 40,000 Floridians will die from cancer during 2004, and

WHEREAS, many cancers are prevented by lifestyle changes and can be cured if detected early and treated promptly, and

WHEREAS, as many as one-third of the cancer deaths expected in Florida this year will be related to poor nutrition, physical inactivity, obesity, and other lifestyle factors, and thus, might have been prevented, and

WHEREAS, almost half of all Floridians who continue to smoke may expect to die prematurely from lung cancer or other tobacco-related diseases, and

WHEREAS, 30 percent of all cancer deaths and 87 percent of all lung deaths are caused by smoking cigarettes or other tobacco products, and

WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for all cancers combined is 63 percent, but survival rates may increase significantly for certain cancers such as breast, cervical, and colorectal cancers when they are detected and treated early, and

**CODING:** Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.

1           WHEREAS, rates of cancer incidence and death in Florida  
2 may be significantly reduced with increased awareness of the  
3 American Cancer Society's cancer screening guidelines and  
4 compliance with those screening guidelines, and

5           WHEREAS, promotion of Cancer Control Awareness Month  
6 and statewide cancer control initiatives, such as the Florida  
7 Dialogue on Cancer sponsored by the American Cancer Society,  
8 may assist Florida in significantly reducing the burden of  
9 cancer Floridians and the state face, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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13           That the month of April 2004 is recognized as Cancer  
14 Control Awareness Month in Florida and all Floridians are  
15 urged to understand the risks associated with cancer, change  
16 behaviors that increase cancer risks, and follow the American  
17 Cancer Society's cancer screening guidelines.

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