By Senator Hill

1-2699-04 1 Senate Resolution No. 2 A resolution recognizing September 2004 as 3 "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month." 4 5 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is the most common cancer б diagnosed among men in Florida, and the American Cancer 7 Society estimates that more than 17,000 new cases of prostate 8 cancer will be diagnosed among Florida men during 2004, and WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society also anticipates 9 10 there will be more than 2,000 deaths in Florida this year attributed to prostate cancer, and 11 12 WHEREAS, Florida has the second-highest number of 13 prostate cancer cases and deaths in the United States, and WHEREAS, African-American and black men have the 14 highest prostate cancer death rate in the world, and a 15 mortality rate that is twice that of white men, and 16 17 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society recommends that annual prostate cancer testing begins at age 50, except for 18 men at high-risk, such as African-Americans and men with a 19 family history of the disease, who are advised to begin annual 20 21 screening at age 45, and 22 WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for prostate cancer 23 patients is 100 percent if the disease is diagnosed at the local and regional stages, otherwise known as the early 2.4 25 stages, and WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society supports 26 27 African-American Men's Health Summits in at least 16 major 2.8 metropolitan areas across the state in an attempt to increase 29 prostate cancer awareness and prostate screening among 30 African-American men in Florida, and 31

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WHEREAS, the Man-to-Man Program of the American Cancer Society attempts to increase prostate cancer awareness, education, and support during the month of September and throughout the year, NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida: That September 2004 is recognized as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida and all men are urged to understand the risks associated with prostate cancer, to take preventive steps to minimize those risks, and to talk to their doctor about annual prostate cancer screening and compliance with the prostate cancer screening guidelines recommended by the American Cancer Society. 

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