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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing April 2005 as "Cancer Control Awareness Month."

WHEREAS, cancer will strike approximately one out of two men and about one out of every three women in the course of their lives, and

WHEREAS, cancer accounts for one out of every four deaths, and is the leading cause of death, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that more than 96,200 new cases of cancer in Florida will be diagnosed and more than 39,960 Floridians will die from cancer during the year 2005, and

WHEREAS, many cancers can be prevented by lifestyle changes, or 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 nutrition, physical inactivity, obesity, and other lifestyle factors, and thus may 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 cancer deaths are caused by smoking cigarettes or other tobacco products, and

WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for all cancers combined is 64 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

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 faced by Floridians and the state, 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 2005 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 their cancer risks, and follow the
17 American Cancer Society's cancer-screening guidelines.