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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 2006 as "Cancer Control Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, cancer will strike approximately one out of two men and about one out of every three women in the course of their lifetimes, 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 in 2006 more than 98,960 new cases of cancer will be diagnosed in Florida and more than 39,930 Floridians will die from cancer, 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 this year will be related to nutrition, physical inactivity, obesity, and other lifestyle factors, and thus might have been prevented, and

WHEREAS, 29 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 65 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

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

1 WHEREAS, promotion of "Cancer Control Awareness Month"
2 and statewide cancer control initiatives, such as the Florida
3 Dialogue on Cancer sponsored by the American Cancer Society,
4 may assist Florida in significantly reducing the burden of
5 cancer which Floridians and the state face, NOW, THEREFORE,
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7 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:
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9 That the Florida Senate recognizes the month of April
10 2006 as "Cancer Control Awareness Month" in Florida and urges
11 all Floridians to understand the risks associated with cancer,
12 change behaviors that increase their cancer risks, and follow
13 the American Cancer Society's cancer-screening guidelines.
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