

1 WHEREAS, the average annual cost of care for
2 individuals with spinal cord injury ranges from \$250,000 to
3 \$700,000 the first year after injury with an estimated
4 lifetime cost ranging between \$500,000 and \$3 million,
5 depending on the severity of injury, and

6 WHEREAS, in the past 15 years, scientists have made
7 major breakthroughs in understanding how to encourage damaged
8 neurons to regenerate and restore function and how to improve
9 the quality of life for patients in areas such as infertility
10 and pain management, and

11 WHEREAS, the Darrell Gwynn Foundation has worked to
12 help fund research aimed at finding a cure for paralysis, as
13 well as improving the overall quality of life for individuals
14 with paralysis, and

15 WHEREAS, the Darrell Gwynn Foundation will spend the
16 week of November 12-18 working with local governments and
17 schools to educate Floridians about the causes and treatments
18 for spinal cord injuries, as well as informing residents on
19 how to prevent these injuries from taking place, NOW,

20 THEREFORE,

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

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24 That the week of November 12-18, 2007, is recognized as
25 "Spinal Cord Awareness Week" in the State of Florida.

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