

By Senator Jones

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 8 and 9, 2008, as "Massage Therapy Legislative Awareness Days."

WHEREAS, members of the Florida State Massage Therapy Association (FSMTA) and the American Massage Therapy Association Florida Chapter (AMTA-FL) throughout the state are actively involved in public awareness and health programs to improve the health and quality of life of Florida residents, and

WHEREAS, the Florida State Massage Therapy Association and American Massage Therapy Association Florida Chapter have been holding Massage Therapy Legislative Awareness Days at the Florida Capitol since 1988 for the purpose of educating the State Legislature and the public concerning the many health benefits of massage therapy, and

WHEREAS, the practice of Massage Therapy is regulated by the Board of Massage Therapy within the Department of Health under chapter 480, Florida Statutes, and

WHEREAS, licensed massage therapists have been licensed and regulated in the State of Florida since 1943, and there are more than 26,000 massage therapists licensed by the state, and

WHEREAS, massage therapy is a low-cost, high-quality means of enhancing and restoring health, and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of the benefits of massage therapy will lead to improved health and vitality of the residents of the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes massage therapy for wellness and preventive health measures, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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