

By Senator Lawson

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing October 15 of this year, and all years, as "Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day" in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, an overwhelming number of families suffer the heartbreak of miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss each year, and

WHEREAS, approximately 1 million pregnancies in the United States end in miscarriage, stillbirth, or the death of a newborn baby, and

WHEREAS, it is a great tragedy to lose the life of a child, and

WHEREAS, even the shortest lives are still valuable, and the grief of those who mourn the loss of these lives should not be trivialized, and

WHEREAS, for those persons who have suffered the loss of a pregnancy or infant, a day of remembrance and reflection is more than just a day to remember, it is a day that validates their loss, and

WHEREAS, because of the nature of miscarriages and stillbirths and the lack of understanding of pregnancy loss and infant death, families that suffer these tragedies must often bear their pain and sorrow in private without an opportunity to grieve openly, and

WHEREAS, support from family, friends, and the community is vital to individuals and families who are coping with the loss of a pregnancy or child, and

WHEREAS, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day enables

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30 | the people of this state to consider how they can meet the needs
31 | of bereaved mothers, fathers, and family members and work to
32 | prevent the causes of these deaths, and

33 | WHEREAS, these families need to know that they are not alone
34 | and that their tragic loss is not a forgotten loss, NOW,
35 | THEREFORE,

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37 | Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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39 | That the Florida Senate recognizes October 15 of this year,
40 | and all years, as "Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day" in
41 | the State of Florida.