

By Senator Justice

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 2008 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 lives, and

WHEREAS, cancer accounts for one out every four deaths, and is the second-leading cause of death in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that more than 101,920 new cases of cancer in Florida will be diagnosed and more than 41,660 Floridians will die from cancer in 2008, 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 occurring each year are related to nutrition, physical inactivity, obesity, and other lifestyle factors, and thus might have been prevented, and

WHEREAS, almost half of all individuals 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 66 percent, but survival rates may increase even more for certain cancers such as breast, cervical, and colorectal cancers if they are detected and treated early, and

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

33 WHEREAS, promotion of Cancer Control Awareness Month and
34 statewide cancer-control initiatives, such as the Florida
35 Dialogue on Cancer sponsored by the American Cancer Society, may
36 assist Florida in significantly reducing the burden of cancer
37 that Floridians and the state currently confront, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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41 That the Senate recognizes the month of April 2008 as
42 "Cancer Control Awareness Month" in Florida and urges all
43 Floridians to understand the risks associated with cancer, to
44 change behaviors that increase their cancer risks, and to follow
45 the American Cancer Society cancer-screening guidelines.