

By Senator Lawson

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing November 2008 as "Lung Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, nearly 12,490 Floridians will die from lung cancer in 2008, and more than an additional 17,360 Floridians will be diagnosed with the disease, and

WHEREAS, cigarette smoking and other tobacco use is the leading cause of lung cancer, with more than 87 percent of all lung cancer attributed to smoking tobacco products, and

WHEREAS, early detection of lung cancer is very difficult and costly, and has not yet been proven to improve survival rates, and

WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for lung cancer is only 15 percent, and

WHEREAS, smoking-related diseases such as lung cancer cost Florida \$6.32 billion in directly related health costs and another \$6.47 billion in productivity losses caused by smoking, and

WHEREAS, the best-known way to prevent lung cancer, the premature deaths associated with lung cancer, and the costs related to this disease is to prevent youth from starting to use tobacco and to help current smokers to quit, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society, in partnership with the Florida Department of Health, helps adult and youth smokers to stop smoking through the proven cessation support of the toll-free Quit-For-Life-Line, 1-877-U-CAN-NOW, and

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30 WHEREAS, the Florida Division of the American Cancer Society
31 is committed to preventing the use of and addiction to tobacco in
32 young people through all scientifically proven methods, including
33 the measures detailed in the Centers for Disease Control and
34 Prevention's recommendations for a fully comprehensive statewide
35 youth tobacco prevention and cessation program, NOW, 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 the month of November
40 2008 as "Lung Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida and urges all
41 Floridians to understand the risks associated with lung cancer,
42 to take preventive steps to minimize those risks, and to join the
43 American Cancer Society in promoting better health and lung-
44 cancer prevention through the cessation of current smoking and
45 the prevention of future tobacco use.