

By Senator Bullard

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the first Tuesday in December as "Florida Cancer Survivor Beauty and Support Day."

WHEREAS, a cancer survivor is anyone who has a history of cancer from the moment of diagnosis through the remainder of life, and

WHEREAS, there are more than 9.8 million cancer survivors in the United States, and more than 25,000 1-year to 5-year cancer survivors in the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, more than 1.4 million new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States this year, and

WHEREAS, while many public health initiatives address early detection, prevention, and control of cancer, public health efforts to address cancer survivorship are relatively new, and

WHEREAS, cancer survivors face numerous physical, psychological, social, spiritual, and financial issues at diagnosis, during treatment, and for the remaining years of their lives, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that pain, disability, and psychosocial distress be minimized for those living with, through, and beyond cancer, and

WHEREAS, this state has an active and productive cancer survivor population whose members demonstrate that a cancer diagnosis is no longer an automatic death sentence, and

WHEREAS, spas and salons can provide survivors a wonderful gift of support by offering free services to cancer survivors on the first Tuesday in December as part of a coordinated cancer survivor event originated by Barbara Paget of Highland Park,

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30 Illinois, and supported by Gilda's Club and the Conference of
31 Women Legislators who believe that the real beauty of the day is
32 the support that it gives, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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36 That the Senate recognizes the first Tuesday in December as
37 "Florida Cancer Survivor Beauty and Support Day" and urges all
38 spas and salons to honor cancer survivors by offering free
39 services on this day to women, men, and children who have
40 courageously fought their battle with cancer.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
42 spread upon the Journal of the Senate as a tangible token of
43 recognition of all cancer survivors and appreciation for salons
44 and spas that participate in this day by offering free services
45 to those survivors.