

By Senator Hill

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing September 2011 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month."

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed among men in Florida, and the American Cancer Society estimates that more than 217,730 new cases of prostate cancer were diagnosed among men in the United States during 2010, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society also anticipates that there were more than 2,590 deaths in Florida last year attributed to prostate cancer, and

WHEREAS, Florida has the third-highest incidence rate and the second-highest number of prostate cancer deaths in the United States, and

WHEREAS, African American and black men have the highest prostate cancer death rate in the world, and a mortality rate that is twice that of white men, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society recommends that annual prostate cancer testing begin at age 50, except for men at high-risk, such as African Americans and men having a family history of the disease, who are advised to begin annual screening at age 45, and

WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for prostate cancer patients is 100 percent if the disease is diagnosed at the local and regional stages, otherwise known as the early stages, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society supports African American Men's Health Summits in at least 16 major metropolitan areas across the state in an attempt to increase prostate cancer awareness and prostate screening among African American men in

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30 Florida, and

31 WHEREAS, the Man-to-Man Program of the American Cancer  
32 Society attempts to increase prostate cancer awareness,  
33 education, and support during the month of September and  
34 throughout the year, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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38 That September 2011 is recognized as "Prostate Cancer  
39 Awareness Month" in Florida and all men are urged to understand  
40 the risks associated with prostate cancer, to take preventive  
41 steps to minimize those risks, and to talk to their doctor about  
42 annual prostate cancer screening and compliance with the  
43 prostate cancer screening guidelines recommended by the American  
44 Cancer Society.