

By Senator Flores

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the week of May 8-14, 2011,
as "Food Allergy Awareness Week" in Florida.

WHEREAS, 12 million Americans have food allergies,
including 3 million children under 18 years of age, and

WHEREAS, research shows that the prevalence of food
allergies is increasing among children, and

WHEREAS, eight foods cause 90 percent of all food-related
allergic reactions in the United States, with symptoms including
hives, vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress, and swelling of
the throat, and

WHEREAS, nationwide, food-related allergic reactions cause
as many as 125,000 visits to the emergency room each year and
often occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food
containing an ingredient to which he or she is allergic, and

WHEREAS, the most serious allergic reaction is anaphylaxis,
which is rapid in onset and may cause death, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That May 8-14, 2011, is recognized as "Food Allergy
Awareness Week" in Florida and all residents of this state are
encouraged to become involved in efforts to raise the awareness
of restaurateurs and the public at large of the dangers
associated with food-related allergic reactions.