

By Senator Simmons

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution designating January 2014 as "Stalking  
3 Awareness Month" in the State of Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, 6.6 million people in the United States are  
6 stalked each year, and

7 WHEREAS, one in six women and one in nineteen men in the  
8 United States have experienced stalking victimization during  
9 their lifetimes, and

10 WHEREAS, the majority of stalking victims are stalked by  
11 someone they know, and 66 percent of female victims and 41  
12 percent of male victims are stalked by a current or former  
13 intimate partner, and

14 WHEREAS, 11 percent of victims reported being stalked for 5  
15 years or more, and 66 percent of victims are stalked at least  
16 once per week, and

17 WHEREAS, 76 percent of women who are killed by an intimate  
18 partner experienced stalking, and

19 WHEREAS, one in seven stalking victims changes residence as  
20 a result of his or her victimization, and

21 WHEREAS, one in eight employed victims of stalking misses  
22 work because of his or her victimization, and more than half  
23 miss five days of work or more, and

24 WHEREAS, according to a National Violence Against Women  
25 survey, slightly more than half of female stalking victims  
26 reported the stalking to police, and

27 WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's 2011  
28 Annual Uniform Crime Report reflected a 65.1 percent increase in  
29 simple stalking in the state, and

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30 WHEREAS, stalking is a known precursor to domestic and  
31 dating violence homicide, and the Florida Department of Law  
32 Enforcement's 2012 Semi-Annual Uniform Crime Report reflected a  
33 21 percent increase in domestic violence homicides in the state,  
34 and

35 WHEREAS, January has been designated "National Stalking  
36 Awareness Month" in the United States, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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40 That January 2014 is designated as "Stalking Awareness  
41 Month" in the State of Florida, providing an opportunity to  
42 educate the public about the dangers of stalking behavior and to  
43 raise awareness about protection laws and the resources  
44 available to stalking victims.