

By Senator Sobel

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Senate Resolution

A resolution commending the osteopathic physicians of this state and recognizing April 9, 2014, as "Osteopathic Medicine Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, there are currently more than 70,000 osteopathic physicians in the United States, and

WHEREAS, osteopathic physicians provide health care services that account for more than 76 million patient visits nationwide each year, and

WHEREAS, this state has three accredited osteopathic hospitals, two osteopathic medical colleges, and the third largest osteopathic physician population in the nation, and

WHEREAS, osteopathic manipulation of the musculoskeletal system is a viable and proven technique for many diagnoses and treatments and provides an alternative to many drug therapies, and

WHEREAS, osteopathic physicians provide comprehensive medical care, including preventive medicine, medical diagnosis, and the appropriate balance of drugs, surgery, manipulation, and hospital referrals, and contribute greatly to the health and welfare of the residents of this state, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the osteopathic physicians of this state are commended and April 9, 2014, is recognized as "Osteopathic Medicine Day" in Florida.