

By Senator Bean

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 2015 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, each year, about 136,000 Floridians suffer traumatic brain injuries, and

WHEREAS, more than 9,800 Floridians sustain permanent, lifelong disabilities from traumatic brain injury, resulting in a life-altering experience that may include serious physical, cognitive, and emotional impairments, and

WHEREAS, more than 214,000 Floridians currently live with permanent disabilities resulting from a traumatic brain injury, but the lack of public awareness is so pervasive that traumatic brain injury is known in the disability community as the "silent epidemic," and

WHEREAS, traumatic brain injury attributable to roadside bombs and blasts is one of the signature wounds of the global War on Terror, and military personnel who return to this state with traumatic brain injuries require additional state and local resources, and

WHEREAS, most cases of traumatic brain injury are preventable, and enhanced public awareness of traumatic brain injury is essential in injury prevention, the development of effective treatment, and securing necessary resources, and

WHEREAS, founded in 1985, the Brain Injury Association of Florida, Inc., is the only statewide nonprofit corporation whose mission is to improve the quality of life for all persons with brain injury and their families by creating a better future through brain injury awareness, research, prevention, education,

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30 support services, and advocacy, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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34 That March 2015 is recognized as "Brain Injury Awareness
35 Month" in Florida.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
37 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the Brain Injury
38 Association of Florida, Inc., as a tangible token of the
39 sentiments of the Florida Senate.