

By Senator Garcia

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 2015 as "Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month" in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, cerebral palsy is an incurable neurological condition that impairs a person's ability to control his or her muscles, and

WHEREAS, the onset of cerebral palsy occurs while a child's brain is still developing, and cerebral palsy is the most common form of motor control disorder in children, affecting 1 of 330 births in the United States, and

WHEREAS, in approximately 90 percent of cases, the cause of cerebral palsy is congenital, but brain injury before birth or during labor and delivery, abnormal brain development, infection, or head injury caused by accident or abuse may also cause the disability, and

WHEREAS, the most common early sign of cerebral palsy is delayed development of abilities such as rolling over, sitting, standing, and walking, and

WHEREAS, as the disability further progresses, a child with cerebral palsy will be unable to clap, touch his or her mouth, or crawl on all fours, and

WHEREAS, no cure exists for cerebral palsy and treatments focus on managing the disorder, optimizing the child's potential, and preventing or correcting deformities, and

WHEREAS, support groups, such as United Cerebral Palsy and Reaching for the Stars, are dedicated to promoting awareness of the needs of persons with cerebral palsy and advocating for their rights, and

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30 WHEREAS, cerebral palsy is a lifelong disorder that
31 requires continued research to find treatment options to help
32 those affected by it and to educate and raise awareness among
33 families and loved ones, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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37 That March 2015 is recognized as "Cerebral Palsy Awareness
38 Month" in Florida, and all citizens are encouraged to
39 acknowledge the necessity for continued research of the disorder
40 and for understanding and support of individuals and their
41 caregivers who are affected by the disability.