

By Senator Thompson

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing July 2015 as "Fibroid Awareness Month" in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, uterine fibroids, clinically known as uterine leiomyoma, are the most common benign tumors in the uterus and the single most common indication for hysterectomy, and

WHEREAS, consequently, uterine fibroids are the leading cause of loss of reproductive potential, and nearly one-half of all hysterectomies are performed to address uterine fibroids, and

WHEREAS, the incidence of uterine fibroids in African-American women is the greatest of any ethnic group, estimated to be three to four times greater when compared to Caucasian women and three to five times greater than the general population, and

WHEREAS, as many as three out of four women will have uterine fibroids during their lives, and up to 80 percent of women by age 50 will be affected by uterine fibroids, and

WHEREAS, fibroids may cause significant morbidity through their presence in the uterus and pelvic cavity, and benign tumors are a significant cause of pelvic pain, abnormal uterine bleeding, and reproductive dysfunction, and

WHEREAS, the costs to the United States related to uterine fibroids include costs related to obstetric outcomes attributed to fibroid tumors, hysterectomy procedures, and lost work due to absenteeism and short-term disability in women aged 25 to 54, and

WHEREAS, public awareness would empower and inform residents of this state about uterine fibroids and would

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30 encourage earlier diagnosis, more research, better treatment
31 options, and eventually a cure for uterine fibroids, NOW,
32 THEREFORE,
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34 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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36 That July 2015 is recognized as "Fibroid Awareness Month"
37 in the State of Florida.