

By Senator Richter

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing May 2015 as "Bladder Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, bladder cancer is the sixth most common cancer in the United States, and

WHEREAS, among the states, Florida has the third largest population, the third highest incidence of bladder cancer, and the second highest rate of bladder cancer deaths in the nation, and

WHEREAS, bladder cancer is the fourth most common cancer in men and the eleventh most common cancer in women, and

WHEREAS, men have a 1 in 27 chance and women have a 1 in 86 chance of being diagnosed with bladder cancer during their lifetimes, and

WHEREAS, this year in the United States, approximately 74,000 new cases of bladder cancer will be diagnosed and nearly 16,000 people will die from the disease, and

WHEREAS, bladder cancer consistently occurs in more women each year than does cervical cancer, and

WHEREAS, women often have a delayed diagnosis due to bladder cancer being mistaken for common gynecological problems, and

WHEREAS, although bladder cancer can occur at any age, a high percentage of people suffering from the disease are over the age of 55 years, and

WHEREAS, even though bladder cancer is the sixth most common cancer in the United States, it ranks 19th in research

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30 money received, and

31 WHEREAS, due to a reoccurrence rate of 50 to 80 percent,

32 bladder cancer is one of the most expensive cancers to treat,

33 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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37 That May 2015 is recognized as "Bladder Cancer Awareness

38 Month" in Florida.