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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing July 2016 as "Fibroid  
3 Awareness Month" in Florida.

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

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

12 WHEREAS, the incidence of uterine fibroids among African-  
13 American women is the greatest of any race, estimated to be  
14 three to four times greater when compared to Caucasian women and  
15 three to five times greater than the general population, and

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

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

23 WHEREAS, the costs to the United States related to uterine  
24 fibroids include costs related to obstetric outcomes attributed  
25 to fibroid tumors, hysterectomy procedures, and lost work due to  
26 absenteeism and short-term disability in women 25 to 54 years of  
27 age, and

28 WHEREAS, public awareness would empower residents of this  
29 state and encourage them to seek earlier diagnosis and to  
30 support more research, better treatment options, and,  
31 eventually, a cure for uterine fibroids, NOW, THEREFORE,  
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33 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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35 That July 2016 is recognized as "Fibroid Awareness Month" in

36 Florida.