

By Senator Sobel

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing May 2016 as "Brain Tumor Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, nearly 700,000 people in the United States are living with a primary brain tumor, a benign or malignant tumor that originates in the brain, with 138,000 of those tumors found to be malignant, and

WHEREAS, this year, nearly 70,000 Americans will be diagnosed with a primary brain tumor, and an estimated 14,000 people will die from brain cancer, and

WHEREAS, the average survival rate for malignant brain tumor and central nervous system tumor patients is 34.4 percent, and

WHEREAS, brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in children younger than 14 years of age, and the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in children younger than 20 years of age, and

WHEREAS, the incidence of brain cancer in this state is reflective of its incidence nationwide, and

WHEREAS, patients and families are striving to raise brain tumor awareness and medical researchers are working to find cures for brain tumors and to improve the quality of life for those diagnosed with brain tumors, and

WHEREAS, the month of May has been designated as National Brain Tumor Awareness Month, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That May 2016 is recognized as "Brain Tumor Awareness Month" in Florida, and the residents of this state are urged to support brain tumor research with the fervent hope of finding a

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cure.