

By Senator Flores

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing November 2017 as "Carbon Monoxide Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, carbon monoxide is produced by common household appliances, motor vehicles, generators, fireplaces, furnaces, and other devices powered by the burning of fuel, including natural gas, propane, gasoline, oil, and wood, and

WHEREAS, carbon monoxide is known as the "silent killer" because it is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless poisonous gas that can be fatal when inhaled, and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that carbon monoxide claims approximately 50 lives each year and that carbon monoxide exposure sends more than 20,000 people to emergency rooms annually, and

WHEREAS, the Mayo Clinic has determined that 51 percent of all carbon monoxide poisoning cases reported involve children 6 years of age and younger, and

WHEREAS, the Consumer Product Safety Commission has determined that older adults more frequently have health conditions affecting the heart, lungs, and circulatory system, and that the presence of one or more of these conditions lowers these individuals' tolerance for carbon monoxide exposure and increases the risk of death from such exposure, and

WHEREAS, the Carbon Monoxide Health and Safety Association has determined that the combined medical cost of carbon monoxide accidents, lost productivity, and lost wages amounts to \$8.8 billion annually, and

WHEREAS, public education and awareness about carbon

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30 monoxide poisoning are critical to protecting the residents of
31 this state from the dangers of this deadly gas and reducing risk
32 factors in the home, and

33 WHEREAS, carbon monoxide alarms have been determined to be
34 the most effective way to detect carbon monoxide, and there is a
35 dramatic correlation between the adoption of local carbon
36 monoxide alarm ordinances and a decrease in death rates from
37 exposure, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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41 That November 2017 is recognized as "Carbon Monoxide
42 Awareness Month" in Florida.