

By Senator Passidomo

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing May 2017 as "Bladder Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society's Cancer Statistics Center estimates that, in 2017, 79,030 new cases of urinary bladder cancer will be diagnosed nationwide, with 16,870 people dying from the disease, and

WHEREAS, approximately 587,000 people in the United States are currently living with a diagnosis of urinary bladder cancer, and

WHEREAS, the center estimates that Florida will have 6,430 new cases of urinary bladder cancer in 2017, making it the sixth most common cancer in this state in terms of new cases, and

WHEREAS, although bladder cancer can occur at any age, the center reports that a higher percentage of people suffering from the disease are over the age of 55, with the historical probability of developing urinary bladder cancer highest for those over the age of 70, and

WHEREAS, in keeping with its population ranking and large elderly population, Florida is projected by the center to have the second highest number of new cases of urinary bladder cancer in the 50 states in 2017, and

WHEREAS, the center reports that urinary bladder cancer was the fourth most common cancer in men in Florida for the 5-year period beginning in 2009, with men currently having a 1 in 26 chance of being diagnosed in their lifetimes, while women have only a 1 in 88 chance of being diagnosed, and

WHEREAS, due to a recurrence rate of greater than 50 percent, urinary bladder cancer is one of the most expensive cancers to treat over the lifetime of the patient, and

WHEREAS, smoking, employment in certain professions with

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33 chemical exposures, and certain military chemical exposures
34 increase the likelihood that an individual will develop urinary
35 bladder cancer, and

36 WHEREAS, the diagnosis of urinary bladder cancer in women
37 is often delayed until after common gynecological problems can
38 be ruled out, and

39 WHEREAS, most people do not know the early, vague signs and
40 symptoms of urinary bladder cancer and should discuss concerns
41 about their urinary systems with their doctor, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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45 That May 2017 is recognized as "Bladder Cancer Awareness
46 Month" in Florida.