

By Senator Passidomo

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing May 2018 as "Bladder Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, according to the National Cancer Institute, bladder cancer is the sixth most common cancer in the United States, and

WHEREAS, as of 2017, Florida had the second-highest average number of bladder cancer diagnoses per year of any state, and

WHEREAS, bladder cancer is the fourth most common cancer in men and approximately 587,000 people in the United States live with bladder cancer, and

WHEREAS, men have a 1 in 26 chance and women have a 1 in 88 chance of being diagnosed with bladder cancer in their lifetimes, and

WHEREAS, in 2017, approximately 79,030 new cases of bladder cancer were diagnosed nationwide, and an estimated 16,870 Americans died as a result of the disease, and

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

WHEREAS, despite its standing as the sixth most common cancer in the United States, bladder cancer ranked 18th in terms of research money received as of 2014, and

WHEREAS, smoking and exposure to certain chemicals may increase a person's likelihood of developing bladder cancer, and

WHEREAS, because diagnosis is often delayed, which may worsen a person's prognosis, Floridians should be made aware of the early signs and symptoms associated with bladder cancer and

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30 should be encouraged to immediately discuss concerns about their
31 urinary systems with their doctors, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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35 That May 2018 is recognized as "Bladder Cancer Awareness
36 Month" in Florida.