

By Senator Grimsley

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 2018 as "Endometriosis Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, endometriosis is a disease of the female reproductive system, and

WHEREAS, endometriosis occurs when tissue similar to that normally found in the uterus begins to grow outside of the uterus, leading to chronic, debilitating pelvic pain, and

WHEREAS, endometriosis is a leading cause of female infertility, and

WHEREAS, endometriosis affects 1 in 10 women of childbearing age in the United States, and

WHEREAS, there is an average of a 10-year delay from the onset of symptoms to the final diagnosis of endometriosis, and

WHEREAS, in 2010, endometriosis patients in the United States were hospitalized 105,123 days because of their disease, and

WHEREAS, women with endometriosis can lose 11 hours per work week through lost productivity and absenteeism due to pain, and

WHEREAS, 51 percent of endometriosis patients report that their disease detrimentally affects their work, and

WHEREAS, the estimated total annual societal burden of endometriosis-related symptoms in the United States is \$56 billion, or \$10,824 per patient, and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for endometriosis, and

WHEREAS, more research is necessary to develop treatment options to manage this debilitating disease, and

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30 WHEREAS, providers traditionally have focused on managing  
31 the associated pain with oral contraceptives, progestins,  
32 danazol, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, opioids, and GnRH  
33 agonists, many of which are not specifically indicated for the  
34 treatment of endometriosis, and in more severe cases, surgical  
35 interventions, such as laparotomy or laparoscopy, are pursued,  
36 and

37 WHEREAS, such treatment may not be curative for all  
38 individuals, and

39 WHEREAS, education is important for promoting awareness of  
40 symptoms and early detection and diagnosis of endometriosis,  
41 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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45 That March 2018 is recognized as "Endometriosis Awareness  
46 Month," and the residents of this state are encouraged to  
47 observe the month with related awareness and educational  
48 campaigns.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
50 encouraged to make available online resources and current  
51 information on endometriosis, including disease prevalence,  
52 symptoms, and treatment options.