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House Resolution

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

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

WHEREAS, as of 2017, Florida has the second highest average number of bladder cancer diagnoses per year, and

WHEREAS, bladder cancer is the fourth most common cancer in men, and approximately 696,440 people 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, and an estimated 16,870 people died from the disease, and

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

WHEREAS, even though bladder cancer is the sixth most common cancer, there is far less bladder cancer awareness and research than for other commonly diagnosed cancers, and

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

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26 WHEREAS, because a bladder cancer diagnosis can frequently
27 be delayed due to a lack of awareness of the early signs and
28 symptoms, which may result in a dire prognosis, people should
29 discuss any concerns about their urinary systems with their
30 doctors, NOW, THEREFORE,

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32 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
33 Florida:

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