

By Senator Passidomo

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing May 2019 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, among the 50 states, Florida had the second-highest average number of bladder cancer diagnoses per year as of 2018, and

WHEREAS, bladder cancer is the fourth most common cancer in men and more men than women are diagnosed with bladder cancer each year, and, as of 2015, approximately 708,444 people in the United States were living with bladder cancer, and

WHEREAS, approximately 81,190 new cases of bladder cancer were expected to be diagnosed in 2018, and approximately 17,240 deaths from bladder cancer were expected, and

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

WHEREAS, bladder cancer ranks 18th of all diseases in the United States in terms of research dollars expended, and

WHEREAS, exposure to certain workplace chemicals and smoking are major contributors to the disease, and

WHEREAS, because diagnosis can be delayed due to lack of awareness of early symptoms, patients should discuss anything unusual with their urinary system with their doctors, NOW,

THEREFORE,

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

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32 That May 2019 is recognized as "Bladder Cancer Awareness

33 Month" in Florida.