

By Senator Cruz

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing May 2021 as "Osteoporosis Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, one in two women and one in four men in the United States who are 50 years of age or older will fracture a bone due to osteoporosis in their lifetimes, and

WHEREAS, approximately 4.7 million women who are 50 years of age or older live in this state, and

WHEREAS, a woman's risk of fracturing a hip is equal to her combined risk of being diagnosed with breast, uterine, and ovarian cancer, and

WHEREAS, bone fractures due to osteoporosis can have serious long-term consequences, and

WHEREAS, after the first bone fracture, postmenopausal women with osteoporosis are five times more likely to fracture a bone within the next year, and

WHEREAS, persons who are living with osteoporosis often remain undiagnosed and untreated, and

WHEREAS, since lost bone cannot be replaced, treatment for osteoporosis typically focuses on preventing any further bone loss, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That May 2021 is recognized as "Osteoporosis Awareness Month" in Florida to increase awareness, screening, and prevention and provide educational resources to inform and empower women to take charge of their bone health.