

By Senator Gruters

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 11, 2023, as  
"Narcolepsy Awareness Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, narcolepsy is a chronic neurological disorder  
caused by the brain's inability to regulate sleep-wake cycles,  
and

WHEREAS, narcolepsy is an underrecognized and  
underdiagnosed condition that affects an estimated 1 in every  
2,000 Americans, and

WHEREAS, when undiagnosed, narcolepsy can lead to  
accidents, injuries, and problems with learning and employment,  
and

WHEREAS, narcolepsy affects individuals of all ages  
neurologically, socially, and emotionally, with onset typically  
occurring between the ages of 15 and 25 years, and

WHEREAS, on average, narcolepsy is diagnosed 6 years after  
the onset of symptoms, and those who have the condition have an  
increased prevalence of high blood pressure, cardiovascular  
disease, and diabetes, and

WHEREAS, individuals with narcolepsy need trained providers  
who will address their comorbidities and treat any additional,  
underlying health concerns, and

WHEREAS, the Narcolepsy Network is a national organization  
created to promote awareness of the disease and provide support  
for those who suffer from narcolepsy, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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30           That March 11, 2023, is recognized as "Narcolepsy Awareness  
31 Day" in Florida.