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Senate Resolution

A resolution to designate May as National Hypertension Month in Florida to promote greater awareness, public education, and expanded efforts to prevent, detect, and manage hypertension, and to advocate for greater patient access to innovative treatment therapies.

WHEREAS, hypertension, also known as high blood pressure, affects nearly half of all adults in the United States and is a leading risk factor for various cardiovascular diseases, and

WHEREAS, hypertension often goes undetected and untreated, leading to severe health complications, including heart disease, stroke, and kidney failure, and it contributes to nearly 700,000 deaths per year in the United States, and

WHEREAS, only about one in four adults in the United States has his or her hypertension under control, and

WHEREAS, health care costs in the United States associated with hypertension account for about \$131 billion per year, while individuals with hypertension are estimated to face nearly \$2,000 higher annual health care expenditures compared to those without hypertension, and

WHEREAS, recent advancements in medical technology have led to the United States Food and Drug Administration approving renal denervation therapies as a promising treatment for resistant hypertension, offering hope to patients who do not respond adequately to conventional treatments, and

WHEREAS, clinical and real-world results being achieved through renal denervation therapies prompted the American Heart Association to state recently that "renal denervation presents a

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30 novel treatment strategy for patients with uncontrolled blood
31 pressure," and

32 WHEREAS, access to innovative treatments is essential for
33 improving public health and reducing the burden of hypertension-
34 related medical complications, and

35 WHEREAS, the month of May is recognized as National
36 Hypertension Month to raise awareness about the importance of
37 preventing, detecting, and managing hypertension, NOW,
38 THEREFORE,

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

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42 That the Senate designates May as National Hypertension
43 Month in Florida to promote greater awareness, public education,
44 and expanded efforts to prevent, detect, and manage
45 hypertension, and to advocate for greater patient access to
46 innovative treatment therapies.