

By Senator Rodriguez

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Senate Resolution

A resolution designating May 1, 2025, as "Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Day" in Florida and expressing continued support for groundbreaking research that is improving the quality of life of individuals in this state who have the disorder and their families.

WHEREAS, Prader-Willi syndrome is a complex genetic disorder that occurs in approximately 1 out of every 15,000 births, and

WHEREAS, Prader-Willi syndrome is the most commonly known genetic cause of life-threatening obesity, and

WHEREAS, there is no known cure for Prader-Willi syndrome, and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that individuals with Prader-Willi syndrome have high morbidity and mortality rates, and

WHEREAS, Prader-Willi syndrome affects males and females with equal frequency and affects all races and ethnicities, and

WHEREAS, Prader-Willi syndrome causes an extreme and insatiable appetite that often results in morbid obesity, and

WHEREAS, morbid obesity is the major cause of death for individuals with Prader-Willi syndrome, and

WHEREAS, Prader-Willi syndrome causes cognitive and learning disabilities and behavioral difficulties, including obsessive-compulsive disorder and difficulty controlling emotions, and

WHEREAS, the hunger, metabolic, and behavioral characteristics of Prader-Willi syndrome mean that individuals who have the disorder require constant and lifelong supervision

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in a controlled environment, and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis of Prader-Willi syndrome allows families to access treatment, intervention services, and support from health professionals, advocacy organizations, and other families who are dealing with the syndrome, and

WHEREAS, recently discovered treatments, including the use of human growth hormone, are improving the quality of life for individuals with the syndrome and offer new hope to families, but no treatments have yet been found for many difficult symptoms associated with Prader-Willi syndrome, and

WHEREAS, increased research into Prader-Willi syndrome may lead to a better understanding of the disorder, more effective treatments, and an eventual cure for the syndrome, and is likely to lead to a better understanding of common public health concerns, including childhood obesity and mental health, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Florida Senate designates May 1, 2025, as "Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Day" in Florida and expresses its continued support for groundbreaking research that is improving the quality of life of individuals in this state who have the disorder and their families.