

By Senator Richter

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing May 2016 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 all states, Florida has the third largest population, ranked second in the number of new bladder cancer cases expected in 2015, and was second in the total number of bladder cancer deaths expected during that year, and

WHEREAS, bladder cancer is the fourth most common cancer in men and the eleventh most common cancer in women, and

WHEREAS, men have a 1 in 26 chance and women have a 1 in 90 chance of being diagnosed with bladder cancer during their lifetimes, according to the American Cancer Society, and

WHEREAS, this year in the United States, an estimated 74,000 new cases of bladder cancer will be diagnosed, and nearly 16,000 people will die from the disease, and

WHEREAS, bladder cancer consistently occurs in more women each year than does cervical cancer, and

WHEREAS, women often have a delayed diagnosis of bladder cancer, their early signs of cancer mistaken for symptoms of common gynecological problems, and

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

WHEREAS, even though bladder cancer is the sixth most common cancer in the United States, it ranked 21st in National

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30 Cancer Institute research money received in 2013, and

31 WHEREAS, due to a recurrence rate of 50 to 80 percent,  
32 bladder cancer is one of the most expensive cancers to treat,  
33 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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37 That May 2016 is recognized as "Bladder Cancer Awareness  
38 Month" in Florida.