

By Senator Abruzzo

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing February 2016 as "National Spine Ability Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, spinal impairment is the leading cause of disability in the United States, affecting 14 million people nationwide, and

WHEREAS, the total costs associated with spine-related impairment in the United States are estimated at \$253 billion, a 91 percent increase during the past decade, and

WHEREAS, over the past 20 years, the cost of spine-related impairment and associated musculoskeletal disorders has increased at nearly four times the growth rate of the nation's gross domestic product, and

WHEREAS, 66 percent of the total costs associated with spine-related impairment in the United States is attributed to productivity loss and absenteeism, accounting for annual employer losses of \$28 billion, and

WHEREAS, back pain was the cause of 671 million bed days and 385 million lost work days in 2008, and spinal impairment is now the leading cause of disability in veterans of the United States Armed Forces, and

WHEREAS, millions of children suffer from spinal deformities and conditions that reduce their quality of life and longevity, with 94 percent of children with spine-related impairment reporting some level of associated disability, and

WHEREAS, the North American Spine Foundation promotes the virtues and benefits of an integrative and collaborative system of care, including diagnostic, surgical, nonsurgical, perioperative, occupational, psychosocial, cognitive-behavioral, and preventive measures to achieve an efficient restoration of function and a mitigation of the risk for developing disability,

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33 and

34 WHEREAS, the North American Spine Foundation has  
35 established the Spine 10 x 25 Initiative with the stated goal of  
36 achieving a 10 percent reduction in spine-related disability in  
37 the United States by the year 2025, and

38 WHEREAS, it is important that awareness of the impact of  
39 spinal impairment and support for the Spine 10 x 25 Initiative  
40 be raised in this state, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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44 That February 2016 is recognized as "National Spine Ability  
45 Month" in Florida.