

By Senator Passidomo

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing May 2020 as "Bladder Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, according to the National Institutes of Health, bladder cancer is the fourth most common cancer in men and, as of 2015, approximately 708,444 people in the United States were living with bladder cancer, and

WHEREAS, Florida was estimated to have the second-highest average annual number of new bladder cancer diagnoses of all of the states, behind only California, and

WHEREAS, it was estimated that 80,470 new cases would be diagnosed nationwide in 2019, while it was estimated that 17,670 deaths from bladder cancer would occur, and

WHEREAS, although bladder cancer can occur at any age, this cancer is more common in persons who are 55 years of age or older and significantly more common in men, and

WHEREAS, while bladder cancer is the 6th most common cancer overall in the United States, it ranks 17th in terms of research funding, and

WHEREAS, exposure to certain workplace chemicals and smoking are major risk factors for bladder cancer, and

WHEREAS, because diagnosis can be delayed due to the lack of awareness of early symptoms, patients should immediately discuss any concerns regarding the health of their urinary systems with their physicians, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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31 Month" in Florida.