

By Senator Passidomo

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing November 13-19, 2022, as
"Thyroid Eye Disease Awareness Week" in Florida.

WHEREAS, thyroid eye disease (TED) is a serious,
progressive, and rare autoimmune condition in which the body's
immune system mistakenly attacks healthy muscle and fat tissue
behind the eye, causing inflammation and the formation of scar
tissue, and

WHEREAS, people living with TED often have debilitating
symptoms of eye bulging, double vision, blurred vision, pain,
and facial disfigurement, and can develop blindness in severe
cases, and

WHEREAS, people living with TED often experience long-term
functional, psychosocial, and economic burdens, including the
inability to work or perform daily activities, and

WHEREAS, TED is a vision-threatening condition that can
worsen over time and, in the general population, is estimated to
have a prevalence of 16 per 100,000 women and 2.9 per 100,000
men, and

WHEREAS, a diagnosis of TED is based upon identification of
characteristic symptoms, a detailed patient history, a thorough
clinical evaluation, and a variety of specialized tests, and

WHEREAS, there is a genetic component to the condition, and
people who have a family history of TED or a family history of
autoimmune disease are at a greater risk of developing the
condition, but the exact underlying process by which TED occurs
is not fully understood, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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32 That November 13-19, 2022, is recognized as "Thyroid Eye

33 Disease Awareness Week" in Florida.