

# Florida Senate Resolution

By Senator Clemens

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A resolution recognizing April 1, 2017, as "Dupuytren's Disease Awareness Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, Dupuytren's disease, also known as Dupuytren's contracture, is one of a group of diseases resulting in fibrosis or scar tissue which cripples hands, diminishes quality of life, and affects the overall health of millions of people worldwide, and

WHEREAS, more than 10 million people in the United States suffer bent fingers from Dupuytren's disease, which is more common in men than in women and is hereditary, and

WHEREAS, part of the biology of Dupuytren's disease overlaps with that of other fibrotic conditions, including cirrhosis of the liver, pulmonary fibrosis, arteriosclerosis, and some cancers, and

WHEREAS, the most common treatments for Dupuytren's disease are open surgery and minimally invasive procedures, such as injections, with most contractures returning after treatment, and

WHEREAS, there is currently no cure for Dupuytren's disease, and scientists and physicians around the world are conducting research to develop better treatments and to find a cure, and

WHEREAS, increasing awareness and education of Dupuytren's disease may lead to significant progress in the research to discover the root cause and the cure, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That April 1, 2017, is recognized as "Dupuytren's Disease Awareness Day" in Florida.

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This is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution No. 1782, adopted by the Florida Senate on March 23, 2017.

Joe Negron  
President of the Senate

ATTEST:

Debbie Brown  
Secretary of the Senate