

SENATE RESOLUTION

8706

By Senators Cleveland, Keiser, Becker, and Bailey

1           WHEREAS, Tens of millions of Americans are affected by bladder  
2 diseases and conditions including urinary incontinence, overactive  
3 bladder, underactive bladder, interstitial cystitis, nocturia,  
4 urinary tract infections, bladder cancer, urotrauma, and neurogenic  
5 bladder; and

6           WHEREAS, Bladder diseases and conditions have significant impact  
7 on health and quality of life — contributing to depression, social  
8 isolation, falls, sexual dysfunction, loss of self-esteem,  
9 hospitalizations, nursing home admissions, and even death; and

10           WHEREAS, Medical and behavioral research to better understand and  
11 maintain bladder health and treat bladder diseases is critically  
12 needed, yet poorly recognized; and

13           WHEREAS, Bladder problems are highly stigmatized, and open  
14 dialogue generated by Bladder Health Month can reduce stigma and  
15 empower providers and patients to have much-needed conversations  
16 about bladder health; and

17           WHEREAS, Industry professionals have strived to raise awareness  
18 by designating November as "Bladder Health Month";

19           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate  
20 encourage Washingtonians to view November as a valuable reminder to  
21 take stock of their bladder health.

22 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,

1 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
2 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8706,  
3 adopted by the Senate  
4 February 9, 2016

5 HUNTER G. GOODMAN  
6 Secretary of the Senate