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8 RECOGNIZING JUNE 2016 AS NOT 1 FORGOTTEN MEN'S
9 CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.

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11 WHEREAS, men's cancer awareness and education are
12 crucial to improving the health and well-being of men
13 throughout the State of Alabama and our nation; and

14 WHEREAS, men's cancer awareness and education foster
15 earlier detection of cancer in men and increases the survivor
16 rates of men who have been diagnosed with the deadly disease;
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18 WHEREAS, nearly, 300,000 American men have lost
19 their lives to cancer; one in two men receive a cancer
20 diagnosis over the course of a lifetime while only one in
21 three women face the same diagnosis; and

22 WHEREAS, African American men are at the greatest
23 risk for developing cancer; white men are the second most
24 likely to incur the disease while Hispanic men are the third
25 most likely to receive a cancer diagnosis; and

26 WHEREAS, Not 1 Forgotten Men's Cancer Awareness
27 Month emphasizes the importance of men undergoing testing for

1 cancer, promotes advancements in cancer research and
2 treatment, and is a tool in offsetting the rising costs of
3 treatment for those without insurance; and

4 WHEREAS, Joel Gresham, founder of Not 1 Forgotten,
5 created a blue and black necktie that advocates men's cancer
6 awareness and serves as a national symbol of togetherness; the
7 blue color of the tie represents hope and faith while black
8 represents healing; and

9 WHEREAS, it is imperative that we support action
10 which can prevent numerous members of society from entering an
11 arduous struggle with cancer and save countless lives through
12 early detection and treatment; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize June 2016 as Not
15 1 Forgotten Men's Cancer Awareness Month and honor and commend
16 the lifesaving efforts of Not 1 Forgotten.