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Rafael Martin Supports Governor Scott's Cancer Research Initiative

Tallahassee – Today Rafael Martin - a teacher at Our Children's Middle Academy who is running from Tampa to Tallahassee in an effort to raise awareness on cancer - announced his support for Governor Scott's \$80 million initiative for cancer research funding. The 2014-15 proposed budget provides \$80 million to assist Florida's existing cancer centers to become National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated Cancer Centers and to promote peer-reviewed research in cancer and tobacco related diseases.

"I am pleased that Governor Rick Scott has increased funding for cancer research," said cancer research advocate Rafael Martin. "Cancer has touched the lives of many people and this increased funding will hopefully lead to early detection and better treatment for all people in Florida and I hope there continues to be increases in the future."

"Governor Scott has demonstrated his continuing commitment to cancer research funding through the "It's Your Money Tax Cut Budget," said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong. "This funding, which is a significant increase over last year, will provide better cancer care for Florida's families and establish Florida as a destination for cancer treatment."

NCI-designated Cancer Centers are on the frontline of developing and implementing new treatments for cancer patients. The Governor's proposed budget includes \$60 million for existing Florida Cancer Centers to assist in achieving National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation, and another \$20 million commitment for peer-reviewed research grants.

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