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RESOLUTION NO. 1028 BY: BATES, BENSON, COX, DUNLAP, GATES, ISAAC, KOUBA, LESTER, LITTLEFIELD, LUCAS, MITCHELL, MONKS, NIEMI, PELTIER, RHODES (Dusty), ROBERTS (Walt), ROSS, SADLER, SATTERFIELD, SEIKEL, SMITH (Bill), SMITH (Dale), STITES, SULLIVAN, THOMAS, TODD, VAUGHN (Ray), WEAVER and WIDENER

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING PUSHMATAHA COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AUTHORITY AND THE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; AND DIRECTING DISTRIBUTION.

WHEREAS, the problem of drug and other substance abuse in this state and nation has become an acute problem which has been identified as taking a tremendous toll on the younger generation; and

WHEREAS, experience shows that the incarceration of persons for the commission of crimes without addressing chemical dependency is not a solution to either crime or substance abuse or the enormous strain that drug-related crime has placed on our society; and

WHEREAS, there is an acute need to provide prevention and the reduction of recidivism of persons incarcerated for substance-abuse-related crimes; and

WHEREAS, the need for such a prevention, treatment and educational program must address substance abuse among both the male and female population of the state. The escalating population of substance abusers from both of these groups threatens the public safety of the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the Pushmataha County Substance Abuse Treatment Authority has worked extensively with Western Farmers Electric Cooperative and has obtained the support of numerous public, educational and civic organizations in developing a program and facilities for substance abuse prevention, treatment, education and job-skills training for substance abusers. They have obtained the sites and financing for a publicly owned and operated prevention and treatment system which will be available to the public; and

WHEREAS, the application of substance abuse prevention, treatment, education, and job-skills training for incarcerated persons and probationers has received broad and critical support from the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Department of Labor, the National Office of Drug Control Policy and other federal agencies providing financial assistance for the "Nation's Drug War"; and

WHEREAS, the Pushmataha County Substance Abuse Treatment Authority has established methodology whereby the treatment, educational and job-skills program of the Authority may be utilized throughout the state for prevention in the public good; and

WHEREAS, the Pushmataha County Substance Abuse Treatment Authority, in its efforts to directly benefit as many as 22 counties in the state, has established the prevention, treatment, educational, and job-skills training program for male offenders in Antlers, Oklahoma, and for female offenders in Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma. It has also established a program and facility for current and future probationers at outpatient facilities in the Oklahoma County and Tulsa County areas. All of the facilities will

be utilized by the Department of Corrections subject to acceptance of an Intergovernmental Services Agreement on a year-to-year basis. The Department of Corrections will have an option to purchase all such programs and facilities at a nominal sum at the completion of the Intergovernmental Services Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress has under consideration a cooperative drug treatment program between the federal government and the State of Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 43RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby commends the Pushmataha County Substance Abuse Treatment Authority, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative and the many public, educational, and civic organizations for their tremendous efforts in developing their substance abuse prevention, treatment, education and job-skills programs including requisite financing and other necessary matters.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives further commends these Oklahomans for making available to the State of Oklahoma their efforts to meet the acute needs created by drug-related crimes.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives also commends the Department of Corrections for cooperating with the Pushmataha County Substance Abuse Treatment Authority and for seeking an Intergovernmental Service Agreement for the benefit of the state so long as such agreement in no way obligates the State of Oklahoma or any agency thereof to expend any monies in the furtherance of such agreement.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Mr. Jack Franks, Chairman, Pushmataha County Substance Abuse Treatment Authority; Governor David Walters; President Pro Tempore Robert Cullison; Mr. Gary Maynard, Director, Department of Corrections; Secretary Dave McBride; Mr. Don Anderson, Director, Department of Mental Health; and the Substance Abuse Section of the United States Department of Justice.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 27th day of
February, 1992.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives