

ENROLLED SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 5 By: Mickle, Brown, Bell, Cain, Campbell, Capps, Cole, Dickerson, Douglass, Easley, Fair, Fisher, Ford, Gustafson, Haney, Harrison, Helton, Hendrick, Henry, Herbert, Hobson, Horner, Kerr, Leftwich, Littlefield, Long (Ed), Long (Lewis), Maddox, Martin, Monson, Muegge, Pierce, Price, Roberts, Robinson, Rozell, Rubottom, Shedrick, Shurden, Smith, Snyder, Stipe, Taylor, Weedn, Wilkerson, Williams (Don), Williams (Penny) and Wright

A Resolution proclaiming American Diabetes Alert Day; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, more than 14 million Americans have diabetes, a disease with no cure that impairs the body's ability to convert food sugar into energy, and at least 7 million of these Americans do not know they have the disease; and

WHEREAS, diabetes is the fourth leading cause of death by disease in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in this year alone, more than 750,000 Americans will contract the disease and 150,000 will die from it, including a disproportionate number of Hispanics, African Americans, and Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, people whose diabetes goes undiagnosed and untreated are subject to any of its serious complications, such as blindness, heart disease, kidney disease, stroke, and leg or foot amputations; and

WHEREAS, an increase in community awareness of diabetes and its human impact, and an increased awareness of the role of the American Diabetes Association in combatting this terrible disease, may stimulate public action in increasing research toward a cure and spur awareness about who is susceptible to diabetes before an individual is confronted with one of its complications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby proclaims March 21, 1995, to be the American Diabetes Alert Day in Oklahoma, and asks that every citizen participate in efforts that determine individual risk for diabetes, sound the alert about diabetes in our state, and support research to end diabetes and improve the lives of all those who have this disease.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Regional Director of the American Diabetes Association, Oklahoma Affiliate, Incorporated.

Adopted by the Senate the 21st day of March, 1995.

