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SHORT TITLE: Declaring May 6, 1998, "Women's Health Day" in the State of Oklahoma; encouraging all Oklahomans to join the Oklahoma Women's Health Network in increasing an awareness of women's health issues.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 73

By: Monson, Williams, Horner, Martin, Weedn and Wilcoxson

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution declaring May 6, 1998, "Women's Health Day" in the State of Oklahoma; encouraging all Oklahomans to join the Oklahoma Women's Health Network in increasing an awareness of women's health issues; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma women make three-fourths of the family's health care decisions, use two-thirds of all health care dollars and comprise three-fourths of all nursing home residents, making women's health a current and timely issue; and

WHEREAS, the population of Oklahoma women over 50 years of age will continue to increase as women live an average of seven years longer than men, although the quality of life in their later years is less than that of their male counterparts; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma women have a higher death rate from heart disease, strokes and lung, cervical and breast cancer than the national average. While the death rate of Oklahoma women from diabetes is less than the national average, the rate is steadily increasing; and

WHEREAS, approximately one-third of all heart, cancer and diabetes deaths among Oklahoma women are premature and preventable; and

WHEREAS, these unnecessary deaths are costly to Oklahoma in productive families, in quality of life for women and in the utilization of health care system resources; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Oklahoma Women's Health Network is to

promote, educate and heighten awareness of women's health issues statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Women's Health Network requires assistance to educate and raise the awareness of the total population concerning disease, prevention, risk and treatment through the development of a statewide awareness campaign; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Women's Health Network is attempting to provide resource and service availability throughout the State of Oklahoma to promote healthy living choices among women.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate declares May 6, 1998, "Women's Health Day" in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate encourages all Oklahomans to join the Oklahoma Women's Health Network in increasing an awareness of women's health issues.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma Women's Health Network.

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