

ENROLLED SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. 18

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A resolution supporting an increase in federal funding for prostate cancer research; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, except for skin cancer, prostate cancer is the most common form of cancer in men. One out of every five American men will develop prostate cancer. The American Cancer Society estimates that, in 1998, approximately 209,900 new cases of prostate cancer were diagnosed in the United States, and approximately 41,800 deaths occurred from prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, African American men in the United States have the highest incidence of prostate cancer of any population in the world. There is an obvious need for equal access to recognized forms of prostate cancer treatment; and

WHEREAS, the number of prostate cancer cases diagnosed has increased significantly over the past 35 years, partly as a result of the widespread use of improved screening techniques, including screening for the prostate cancer antigen. However, superior diagnostic and prognostic techniques are needed; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society is a founding member of the National Prostate Cancer Coalition, a network of prostate cancer patients, advocates, and supporting organizations, which has gathered nearly a million signatures in support of increased federal funding for prostate cancer research.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate joins the National Prostate Cancer Coalition and other organizations and individuals in supporting increased federal funding for prostate cancer research.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate requests the President to support increased funding for prostate cancer research.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President of the United States, the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation and the National Prostate Cancer Coalition.

Adopted by the Senate the 15th day of April, 1999.

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President of the Senate