

ENROLLED SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. 52

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A Resolution commending the American Diabetes Association; encouraging public awareness of the disease; proclaiming April 24, 2000, "American Diabetes Alert Day" in the State of Oklahoma and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, almost 16 million Americans and 200,000 Oklahomans have diabetes, a disease with no proven cure that impairs the body's ability to convert food sugar into energy. At least 5.4 million Americans, including nearly 70,000 Oklahomans, are unaware they have the disease; and

WHEREAS, diabetes is a leading cause of death by disease in the United States and is also a major cause of heart attacks and kidney failure; and

WHEREAS, people whose diabetes goes undiagnosed and untreated are subject to many serious complications. Early detection and control may improve a diabetic's chances of leading a productive life; and

WHEREAS, an increase in community awareness of diabetes and its impact, and a heightened knowledge of the role of the American Diabetes Association in combating this disease, may stimulate public action to intensify research toward a cure and heighten awareness about who is susceptible to diabetes; and

WHEREAS, the American Diabetes Association supports research to find a cure and a method of prevention of diabetes, and provides an

array of services, programs and materials for improving the well-being of diabetes sufferers and their families; and

WHEREAS, this week, the American Diabetes Association will conduct a nationwide American Diabetes Alert campaign to make the public more aware of the importance of being tested for diabetes and to gain support for the vital programs it sponsors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends the American Diabetes Association for its efforts in alerting Oklahomans and all Americans to the danger of diabetes and encouraging public awareness.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate proclaims April 24, 2000, "American Diabetes Alert Day" in the State of Oklahoma and asks every citizen to participate in efforts to determine individual risk for diabetes, sound the alert in our state, and support research toward a cure and improvement in the lives of all who have the disease.

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

Adopted by the Senate the 24th day of April, 2000.

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President of the Senate