

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 59

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A Resolution commending the American Diabetes Association for its efforts in alerting Native Americans regarding the seriousness of diabetes; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, today, diabetes has reached epidemic proportions among Native Americans. Complications from diabetes are major causes of death and health problems in most Native American populations; and

WHEREAS, the prevalence of type 2 diabetes, the most common form of the disease which usually occurs after the age of 45 years, is 12.2% among Native Americans over 19 years of age; and

WHEREAS, in ideal circumstances, Native Americans with diabetes will have their disease under control and be monitored frequently by a health-care team knowledgeable in the care of diabetes; and

WHEREAS, diabetes presents a major public health concern for Native Americans in Oklahoma who are at increased risk for complications due to diabetes. The American Diabetes Association supports culturally-sensitive preventive and therapeutic programs to address this problem.

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 all Native Americans to the danger of diabetes.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate encourages all Native Americans to be aware of the seriousness of diabetes.

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

Adopted by the Senate the 10th day of May, 2000.

President of the Senate