

ENROLLED HOUSE  
RESOLUTION NO. 1030

By: Piatt, Adair, Adkins, Askins, Balkman, Begley, Bengel, Benson, Blackburn, Bonny, Braddock, Calvey, Cargill, Case, Claunch, Coleman, Corn, Covey, Cox, Dank, Davis, Deutschendorf, DeWitt, Dunegan, Easley, Eddins, Ericson, Ervin, Erwin, Ferguson, Fields, Friskup, Gilbert, Glover, Graves, Gray, Greenwood, Hastings, Hefner, Hiett, Hilliard, Hutchison, Ingmire, Jones, Kirby, Langmacher, Leist, Lindley, Liotta, Maddux, Mass, Matlock, McCarter, Miller (Doug), Miller (Ray), Mitchell, Morgan, Nance, Nations, Newport, O'Neal, Paulk, Perry, Peters, Peterson, Pettigrew, Phillips, Plunk, Pope (Clay), Pope (Tim), Rice, Roach, Roan, Roberts, Roggow, Ross, Smaligo, Smith (Dale), Smith (Hopper), Staggs, Stanley, Steele, Stites (Chad), Stites (J. T.), Sullivan, Sweeden, Taylor, Tibbs, Toure, Turner, Tyler, Vaughn, Walker, Webb, Wells, Wilson, Wilt, Winchester, Worthen, Wright and Young

A Resolution declaring April to be Oklahoma Autism Awareness Month; declaring April 27, 2002, to be Oklahoma Autism Awareness Day; and providing for distribution.

WHEREAS, autism is a complex and puzzling lifelong neurological disorder that severely impairs the ability of individuals to process and integrate information from their environment, affecting the ability to communicate and to learn; and

WHEREAS, autism is the third most common developmental disability, affecting as many as one of every 300 children, but is little known or understood by the general public; and

WHEREAS, with early, accurate, diagnosis and appropriate education and intensive therapy persons with autism can be assisted in reaching their fullest potential, many to the point that they are indistinguishable from their peers; and

WHEREAS, parents, support groups and professionals have dedicated many years of service to ongoing advocacy for the rights, treatment, and appropriate education for persons with autism; and

WHEREAS, these parents, support groups and professionals remain committed to their cause and to the continued education of families,

professionals, educators and the general public in order to promote a greater understanding of autism and support for increased research into the causes and possible cure for autism, and improved access to appropriate diagnosis, treatment and education for children with autism.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT April is hereby declared to be Oklahoma Autism Awareness Month.

THAT April 27, 2002, is hereby declared to be Oklahoma Autism Awareness Day.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, the Director of the Department of Human Services, and autism support and advocacy organizations in Oklahoma.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 8th day of April, 2002.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives