

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE
RESOLUTION 10

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution commending the American Diabetes Association; encouraging public awareness of the disease; proclaiming March 27, 2001, as "American Diabetes Alert Day" in the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, diabetes is a disease in which the body cannot produce or properly use the hormone insulin which converts food into energy. There are two basic types: Type 1, known as juvenile or insulin-dependent diabetes, is less common than Type 2 but imminently life-threatening. In Type 1, the immune system destroys the insulin-producing cells in the pancreas. It most often develops in children and young adults but can appear at any age. If not diagnosed in time, the victim can lapse into a life-threatening coma. Type 2, known as adult-onset diabetes, is the most common form. When Type 2 occurs, the body becomes insensitive to insulin and can no longer use it. Some people have no symptoms which explains why a third of the Americans with diabetes don't know they have it; and

WHEREAS, diabetes is a disease that afflicts as many as 16 million Americans, with 2,200 new patients diagnosed every day. The incidence of diabetes is growing so fast, up one third from 1990 to 1998, that the Director of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases calls it "a definite epidemic"; and

WHEREAS, diabetes has increased by 70% among the 30- to 39-year-olds in recent years. Teens are now developing Type 2 diabetes, the

form of the disease that usually strikes adults over the age of 40 years; and

WHEREAS, although diabetes can be controlled more effectively than ever, the disease remains a serious health concern. It is already the number one cause of blindness, amputations, and kidney failures, and it increases by two or three times the risk of heart attack or stroke.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate proclaims March 27, 2001, as "American Diabetes Alert Day" in the State of Oklahoma and asks that every resident 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.

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