

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE
RESOLUTION 64

By: Williams

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution expressing support for the Tulsa 2-1-1 Helpline; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, presently, there is no single point of entry in Oklahoma for navigating and accessing health and human services; and

WHEREAS, individuals facing serious economic difficulties, complications of aging, health problems, mental illness or requiring assistance in utilizing the social service delivery system cannot access such help by dialing an easy-to-remember number such as 9-1-1; and

WHEREAS, in June 2001, the Community Service Council of Greater Tulsa received an eighteen-month United Way special grant to assist in developing the 2-1-1 Helpline system in an area encompassing the six counties of Tulsa, Rogers, Wagoner, Okmulgee, Creek and most of Osage. When operational, the system will provide information and referral 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, through the use of innovative telephone and computer technology, a consortium of Tulsa area public and nonprofit agencies serving the elderly, mentally ill, disabled and the general public will be able to ensure effective access to all community services for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Tulsa 2-1-1 Helpline represents a unique opportunity to the test the workability of 2-1-1 for implementation statewide.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate hereby expresses its support for
the Tulsa 2-1-1 Helpline.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Mayor of
Tulsa and the Executive Director of the Community Service Council of
Greater Tulsa.

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