

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE

RESOLUTION HR1015

By: Walker

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution declaring May to be Arthritis Awareness Month in the State of Oklahoma; and providing for distribution.

WHEREAS, arthritis is the leading cause of disability in the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than 600,000 Oklahomans are afflicted with the condition, costing the state approximately \$860 Million in medical costs and lost productivity; and

WHEREAS, arthritis encompasses over 100 different diseases and related conditions; and

WHEREAS, effective interventions and self-management programs are available, but underutilized; and

WHEREAS, the Arthritis Foundation, the Oklahoma Arthritis Network and the Oklahoma State Department of Health are working together to increase public awareness about arthritis and related conditions and to improve the quality of life for Oklahomans affected by these conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT May is hereby declared to be Arthritis Awareness Month in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT copies of this Resolution be distributed to the Arthritis

Foundation, the Oklahoma Arthritis Network and the Oklahoma State
Department of Health.

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