

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE

RESOLUTION HR1018

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A Resolution declaring the week of May 18 through May 24, 2003, as Oklahoma Poison Control Center Recognition Week in the State of Oklahoma; and providing for distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Poison Control Center provides life-saving poison information to families and health care professionals in all 77 counties in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Poison Control Center saves taxpayers \$7 for every dollar invested by safely managing 80% of poisonings at home rather than in an emergency room; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Poison Control Center managed almost 6,000 more poisoning emergencies last year than three years earlier without increased costs to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Poison Control Center possesses expertise in managing exposures to chemical and nuclear weapons of mass destruction as well as hazardous materials accidents, and works closely with the State Health Department and other agencies in the management of suspected bioterrorism incidents; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Poison Control Center maintains the only statewide database of poisoning exposures and collects important surveillance and epidemiologic information related to the scope and nature of the poisoning incidents occurring in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Poison Control Center has been recognized nationally as a Certified Regional Poison Center by the American

Association of Poison Control Centers for achieving poison center standards of excellence.

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

THAT, the week of May 18 through May 24, 2003, is hereby declared to be Oklahoma Poison Control Center Recognition Week in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma Poison Control Center and the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy be applauded for their continued efforts to save lives by providing poison information services to the people of Oklahoma.

THAT copies of this Resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma Poison Control Center and to the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy.

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