

ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 43

By: Wilcoxson of the Senate

and

Peterson (Pam) of the House

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing March 2006 as National Nutrition Month; encouraging citizens to seek nutritional education; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the American Dietetic Association, the world's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals, and its state affiliate, the Oklahoma Dietetic Association, are promoting nutrition awareness as part of National Nutrition Month, with the theme of "Step Up to Nutrition and Health"; and

WHEREAS, food is a basic substance necessary for survival and a healthy life. Many Oklahomans have experienced a variety of health problems stemming from malnutrition and an unbalanced diet. Recognition that health and quality of life can be improved through better nutrition and that the economic consequences of poor health lead to decreased productivity and increased health care costs have prompted Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry to call for Oklahoma to become the healthiest state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the registered licensed dietitian is a nutrition expert and through education and experience provides nutritional education to the general public plus medical nutritional therapy for persons requiring individualized treatment for deteriorated health conditions. Medical nutrition therapy has been shown to save money by decreasing complications and health costs and increasing a person's ability to lead a healthy and productive life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes March 2006 as National Nutrition Month in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature encourages the citizens of this state to seek nutritional education from experts in order to improve their nutritional status and to pursue a healthy and an improved quality of life.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Dietetic Association.

Adopted by the Senate the 9th day of March, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives