

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1030

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A Resolution acknowledging the 1.5 million Americans who suffer the affects in varying degrees from autism and declaring April 2005 as Autism Awareness Month and April 27 as Autism Awareness Day; directing distribution.

WHEREAS, autism is a complex developmental disability that affects an individual in the areas of social interaction and communication; and

WHEREAS, autism is a spectrum disorder that affects each individual differently and to varying degrees of severity; and

WHEREAS, as many as 1.5 million Americans - children and adults - are thought to have autism today; and

WHEREAS, the overall incidence of autism is consistent around the globe, but is four times more prevalent in boys than girl; and

WHEREAS, autism knows no racial, ethnic, or social boundaries, and it does not distinguish between family income, lifestyle or education levels; and

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for autism, there are treatment and educational approaches that may reduce some of the challenges

associated with the disability and together as a state and a nation, we can empower parents and loved ones of autistic children and adults, giving them the tools and information to be the best they can be.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives commends those family members and loved ones who strive daily to empower those affected by autism.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives praises those who work tirelessly to improve treatment and education for the 1.5 million Americans affected by autism today.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives acknowledges April 2005 as Autism Awareness Month and April 27 as a special Autism Awareness Day.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Aldo and Teresa Waters and Tommy Harris, the parents and grandparent respectively of an exceptional child and The Autism Society of America.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 20th day of April, 2005.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives