

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1091

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A Resolution declaring April 2006 as Autism Awareness Month; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, autism can be a severely incapacitating, lifelong developmental disability, resulting in significant impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors, and understand verbal, nonverbal, and reciprocal communication; and

WHEREAS, autism is the third most common developmental disability, now affecting 1 in 167 children born in America; and

WHEREAS, autism is the result of a neurological disorder affecting the functioning of the brain, but few members of the general public understand this complex syndrome; and

WHEREAS, although a cure for autism has not been found, persons with autism can be helped to reach their greatest potential. Accurate, early diagnosis and the resulting appropriate education and intervention are vital to the future growth and development of the individual; and

WHEREAS, many groups, such as the Oklahoma Autism Network, Tulsa Autism Foundation, Parents of Autistic Children, and the Central Oklahoma Chapter of the Autism Society of America, have dedicated

their service to advocate for the rights, humane treatment, and appropriate education of all persons with autism; and

WHEREAS, these groups remain committed to their cause and to educating families, professionals, and the general public to better understand this lifelong disability; and

WHEREAS, autism is a complex disability that requires increased research to one day find a cure and prevention; and greater recognition and understanding to ensure that individuals with autism living in Oklahoma and all other Americans with autism are accurately diagnosed and appropriately treated throughout their lives.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives declares April 2006, Autism Awareness Month in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma Autism Network, Tulsa Autism Foundation, Parents of Autistic Children, and the Central Oklahoma Chapter of the Autism Society of America.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 13th day of April, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives