

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION 1031

By: Gilbert

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution designating the month of May 2005 as Arthritis Awareness Month in the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 43 million American adults who have been diagnosed by their doctor to have arthritis; and

WHEREAS, 731,000 Oklahoma adults, or 28% of the adult population, have been diagnosed to have arthritis; and

WHEREAS, arthritis costs American society approximately \$86.2 billion in direct and indirect costs and it is estimated that the direct and indirect costs for Oklahoma is \$1.2 billion; and

WHEREAS, arthritis is the leading cause of disability; and

WHEREAS, the Arthritis Foundation's mission is to improve lives through leadership in the prevention, control and cure of arthritis and related diseases; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Department of Health's mission is to protect and promote the health of the citizens of Oklahoma, to prevent disease and injury, and to assure the conditions by which our citizens can be healthy; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Arthritis Network's mission is to increase public awareness about arthritis and related conditions and to maximize the quality of life for Oklahomans affected by these conditions through the development of resources, promotion of access to appropriate health care management, and the provision of education; and

WHEREAS, the month of May, as National Arthritis Month, brings a focused effort urging people to take control of their arthritis, take preventive measures against the painful and disabling effects of arthritis, and modify their lifestyles and activities for optimum health.

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

THAT the month of May 2005 be designated as Arthritis Awareness Month in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Arthritis Foundation, the Oklahoma State Department of Health and the Oklahoma Arthritis Network.

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