

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 1071

By: Lindley

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution designating May as Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month in Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Neurofibromatosis (NF) is a genetic disorder that affects development and growth of nerve cell tissues; and

WHEREAS, NF causes tumors to grow on nerves and on or under the skin anywhere on the body; and

WHEREAS, NF can also cause skin changes, bone deformities and can also cause developmental abnormalities, including learning disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the most common Neurofibromatosis, NF1, occurs in 1 in 3,000 to 4,000 individuals in the United States and mostly affects the peripheral nervous system; and

WHEREAS, NF2 occurs in about 1 in 40,000 people and is characterized by slow-growing tumors on the eighth cranial nerve which can impact hearing and balance; and

WHEREAS, awareness of NF remains very limited; and

WHEREAS, greater public awareness of NF will lead to greater understanding.

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

THAT May is hereby designated as Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Dr. John Mulvihill, CMRI Kimberly V. Talley Chair of Genetics; Peter Bellerman, President of the National Neurofibromatosis Foundation, Inc.; Lynna Lago, R.N., NF Organization; and to Kathy McCracken, Executive Director of the Children's Medical Research Institute.

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