

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 51st Legislature (2008)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 50

By: Crutchfield of the Senate

5 and

6 Piatt and Cox of the House

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the importance of  
11 raising public awareness of deep-vein thrombosis;  
12 recognizing June 2008 as Deep-Vein Thrombosis  
13 Awareness Month and June 4, 2008, as Deep-Vein  
14 Thrombosis Awareness Day in the State of Oklahoma;  
15 and directing distribution.

16 WHEREAS, deep-vein thrombosis (DVT) occurs when a blood clot  
17 forms in one of the large veins, usually in the lower limbs, that  
18 may block vein circulation or break off and travel to the lung,  
19 potentially resulting in fatal pulmonary embolism; and

20 WHEREAS, deep-vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism are serious  
21 but preventable medical conditions which affect approximately one  
22 million Americans every year, and pulmonary embolism claims up to  
23 300,000 American lives each year; and

24 WHEREAS, pulmonary embolism causes more deaths each year than  
breast cancer and AIDS combined and is the leading cause of maternal

1 death associated with childbirth; fatal pulmonary embolism may be  
2 the most preventable cause of hospital death in the United States;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, risk factors for deep-vein thrombosis include, but are  
5 not limited to, cancer, heart or respiratory diseases,  
6 hospitalization for medical problems associated with illness,  
7 surgery, pregnancy, obesity, or restricted mobility caused by long-  
8 distance travel; and

9 WHEREAS, up to one-half of patients with deep-vein thrombosis  
10 will suffer long-term consequences, including the development of  
11 post-thrombotic syndrome resulting in chronic leg swelling,  
12 discomfort, skin discoloration, and leg ulcers; and

13 WHEREAS, according to a survey conducted by the American Public  
14 Health Association, 74% of Americans are unaware of deep-vein  
15 thrombosis.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION  
17 OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
18 CONCURRING THEREIN:

19 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes the importance of  
20 raising public awareness of deep-vein thrombosis to minimize its  
21 effects on the citizens of Oklahoma.

22 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes June 2008 as  
23 Deep-Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month and June 4, 2008, as Deep-Vein  
24 Thrombosis Awareness Day in the State of Oklahoma.

1        THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma  
2 Hospital Association, Oklahoma State Medical Association, and the  
3 State Department of Health.

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