

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1065

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Dorman, Duncan, Enns, Faught, Fields,
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Jackson, Jett, Johnson, Jones, Jordan,
Joyner, Kern, Key, Kiesel, Kirby,
Kouplen, Lamons, Liebmann, Luttrell,
Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve),
McAffrey, McCullough, McDaniel
(Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McNiel,
McPeak, Miller, Moore, Morgan,
Morrissette, Murphey, Nations, Nelson,
Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Peters,
Peterson, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett,
Renegar, Reynolds, Richardson, Ritze,
Roan, Rousselot, Russ, Sanders,
Schwartz, Scott, Sears, Shannon,
Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Shumate,
Smithson, Steele, Sullivan, Terrill,
Thompson, Thomsen, Tibbs, Trebilcock,
Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, Williams,
and Wright (John) of the House

and

Rice of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing May 2010 as
National Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and
Prevention Month; declaring the second week in May
2010 as Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and
Prevention Week in Oklahoma; urging citizens to
utilize certain information; and directing
distribution.

1 WHEREAS, one in five Americans will get skin cancer in their
2 lifetime; and

3 WHEREAS, more than one million new cases of skin cancer, a
4 potentially deadly disease and the most common of all types of
5 cancer, will be diagnosed in the United States this year; and

6 WHEREAS, most people do not realize that the skin is the largest
7 and most visible organ of the body and performs many essential
8 tasks; and

9 WHEREAS, melanoma, the most deadly form of skin cancer, is now
10 the fastest growing cancer in the United States, with cases
11 increasing at an epidemic rate; and

12 WHEREAS, one American dies from melanoma every 62 minutes, and
13 116,500 new cases of melanoma are projected to be diagnosed this
14 year; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2007, 1,123 Oklahomans were diagnosed with melanoma;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, melanoma is the second most common cancer in
18 adolescents and young adults ages 15 to 29, is the leading cause of
19 cancer death in women ages 25 to 30 and is second only to breast
20 cancer as the most common cancer in women ages 30 to 34; and

21 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human
22 Services has declared ultraviolet radiation from the sun and
23 artificial sources, such as tanning beds and sun lamps, as a known
24 carcinogen; and

1 WHEREAS, evidence from several studies has shown that exposure
2 to ultraviolet radiation from indoor tanning devices is associated
3 with an increased risk of melanoma and nonmelanoma skin cancer such
4 as squamous cell carcinoma and basal cell carcinoma, especially when
5 a person is exposed at an early age; and

6 WHEREAS, more than 2.3 million teenagers use artificial tanning
7 devices each year, and more than 25 percent of American teenagers
8 have used tanning booths three or more times; and

9 WHEREAS, skin damage from ultraviolet radiation is cumulative,
10 and its adverse effects, including skin cancer and premature aging,
11 often take years to become apparent; and

12 WHEREAS, much of this damage occurs during the teenage years as
13 evidenced by the fact that skin cancer is occurring in younger
14 populations; and

15 WHEREAS, if detected and treated early, melanoma is often
16 curable, with monthly self-examination being one of the most
17 effective methods of early detection, as well as periodic checkups
18 by a doctor; and

19 WHEREAS, some simple precautions to take to reduce risk include
20 avoiding the sun in peak hours, wearing protective clothing, using
21 sunscreen and sunglasses, and avoiding tanning beds and sunlamps;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, organizations such as the American Cancer Society and
24 other statewide and local organizations collaborate as members of

1 the Oklahoma Cancer Control Network to bring together and coordinate
2 cancer prevention efforts, early detection, treatment, support and
3 research to improve the quality of life for everyone in Oklahoma.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
6 CONCURRING THEREIN:

7 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes the month of May 2010
8 as National Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month
9 and declares the second week of May 2010 as Melanoma and Skin Cancer
10 Detection and Prevention Week in the State of Oklahoma.

11 THAT the members of the Oklahoma Legislature recognize melanoma
12 as a serious health issue and urge all Oklahomans to avail
13 themselves of information concerning the prevention, early detection
14 and treatment of melanoma to reduce the occurrence of this deadly
15 form of cancer.

16 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the American
17 Cancer Society and the Oklahoma Cancer Control Network.

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