

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 34

By: Johnson (Constance)

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Concurrent Resolution designating November 14, 2010
9 as Diabetes Awareness Day in the State of Oklahoma;
10 directing that the Capitol be lit in blue; and
11 directing distribution.

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13 WHEREAS, diabetes is a global crisis. It is now estimated that
14 almost one of every ten Oklahomans suffers from diabetes; and

15 WHEREAS, recent estimates indicate that one out of every three
16 children born today in the United States will suffer from diabetes
17 during their lifetime; and

18 WHEREAS, diabetes is rapidly becoming more common among
19 adolescents and reproductive-age women, thereby threatening future
20 generations and the unborn; and

21 WHEREAS, African Americans, Native Americans and Hispanic
22 Americans are more likely to suffer from diabetes; and

1 WHEREAS, diabetes is a complex disease which is the leading
2 cause of heart attacks, strokes, amputations, blindness, kidney
3 failure, and fetal mortality; and

4 WHEREAS, the rate of wellness in the State of Oklahoma is lower
5 than any other state in the country and diabetes is one of the most
6 prevalent diseases that disproportionately impacts citizens in this
7 state. Last year Oklahomans spent \$1.86 billion in diabetes related
8 care; and

9 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma is committed to becoming the
10 nation's model to conduct cutting-edge research related to diabetes
11 and its complications, in promoting education in matters related to
12 diabetes and its prevention, and to providing optimal treatment for
13 individuals with diabetes; and

14 WHEREAS, November 14th is designated worldwide as World Diabetes
15 Day by the International Diabetes Federation, and in 2008 over 1,000
16 prominent monuments were lit in blue in recognition of this day.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
18 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
19 CONCURRING THEREIN:

20 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature designates November 14, 2010 as
21 Diabetes Awareness Day in the State of Oklahoma; and

22 THAT on that date, the Capitol Dome will be lit in blue in order
23 to raise awareness about the importance of diabetes prevention and
24 management; and

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THAT copies of this Resolution be distributed to the African American Diabetes Prevention Partner Resource Group and the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Diabetes Association.

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