HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION

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HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1016 By: Newell

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution proclaiming April 2, 2015, as Type 1 Diabetes Awareness Day at the State Capitol; supporting work of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

WHEREAS, Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) is an autoimmune disease in which a person's pancreas stops producing insulin, a hormone that enables a person to turn food into energy. There is no known cause for T1D, but it results in a person's own immune system killing the beta cells in the pancreas, thereby destroying that person's ability to produce insulin; and

WHEREAS, scientists think that both genetic and environmental aspects may possibly contribute to factors that trigger the onset of T1D. The onset of T1D has nothing to do with diet or lifestyle. As of now, there is nothing you can do to prevent T1D and no cure for it; and

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WHEREAS, it is thought as many as 3 million Americans have T1D. Each year more than 30,000 children and adults are diagnosed with T1D. That is approximately 80 people every day. T1D is estimated to increase 3% annually worldwide each year. T1D accounts for $14.9 billion in healthcare costs in the U.S. each year; and

WHEREAS, T1D strikes young children and strikes adults at any age. It develops suddenly and in some cases without symptoms. It causes dependence on injected insulin for the rest of that person's life to stay alive and carries constant threat of devastating complications. These life-threatening complications occur either when their blood sugar is too low or too high. This is why repeated monitoring of a person's blood sugar is mandatory. Living with T1D is a constant challenge. People must carefully balance their insulin intake either by injections or continuous infusion by an insulin pump. This has to be done day and night any time the person is going to eat or drink, exercise, or experience stressful situations; and

WHEREAS, people with T1D monitor their blood sugar by pricking their fingers six or more times a day. Despite this constant attention to blood sugar, they can still run the risk of dangerous highs or lows which is life threatening. People with T1D overcome these challenges on a daily and even hourly basis; and

WHEREAS, while insulin injections with a shot or pump allow a person with T1D to stay alive, they are not a cure and may not

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prevent the possibility of complications from T1D like blindness, stroke, heart attack, kidney failure, and more; and

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is driving research to continually find ways to lessen the impact of the disease on people's lives and hopefully find a cure for T1D.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT Thursday, April 2, 2015, is hereby proclaimed as "Type 1 Diabetes Awareness Day" at the State Capitol, supporting the work of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation whose goal is to progressively remove the impact of T1D from people's lives until a world without T1D is achieved.

DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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