

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE
4 RESOLUTION 1054

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution proclaiming April 4, 2016, as Type 1
9 Diabetes Awareness Day at the State Capitol;
10 supporting work of the JDRF.

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

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

22 WHEREAS, it is thought that as many as three million Americans
23 have T1D. Each year more than 30,000 children and adults are
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1 diagnosed with T1D, which is approximately 80 people every day. T1D
2 is estimated to increase 3% annually worldwide each year. T1D
3 accounts for \$14.9 billion in healthcare costs in the United States
4 each year; and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, while insulin injections with a shot or pump allow a
23 person with T1D to stay alive, they are not a cure and may not
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1 prevent the possibility of complications from T1D like blindness,
2 stroke, heart attack, kidney failure, and more; and

3 WHEREAS, the JDRF is driving research to continually find ways
4 to lessen the impact of the disease on people's lives and hopefully
5 find a cure for T1D.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

8 THAT Monday, April 4, 2016, is hereby proclaimed as "Type 1
9 Diabetes Awareness Day" at the State Capitol, supporting the work of
10 the JDRF whose goal is to progressively remove the impact of T1D
11 from people's lives until a world without T1D is achieved.

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