

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1014

By: Munson and Lepak of the  
House

and

Yen of the Senate

8 A Concurrent Resolution increasing awareness of  
9 Alzheimer's disease and other dementias; urging the  
10 State Department of Health to designate Alzheimer's  
11 disease and other dementias as a public health issue;  
12 and providing for distribution.

13 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature to  
14 increase awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias,  
15 address cognitive impairment, promote brain health, and meet the  
16 needs of caregivers; and

17 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease, which currently has no cure, is  
18 the sixth leading cause of death in adults age eighteen or older in  
19 the United States; and

20 WHEREAS, with no known way to slow or prevent Alzheimer's  
21 disease, essential public health services of early detection, risk  
22 reduction, and surveillance are necessary to protect and improve the  
23 health at a population level; and  
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1 WHEREAS, in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and  
2 Prevention (CDC), the State of Oklahoma annually conducts the  
3 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) survey to gather  
4 statewide public health data; and

5 WHEREAS, in the 2015 BRFSS survey, 13.6 percent - one in seven -  
6 Oklahomans age 45 and older reported an increase in confusion or  
7 worsening memory loss and over half of them (55.7 percent) had not  
8 discussed these cognitive concerns with a health care provider; and

9 WHEREAS, caregiving for individuals with Alzheimer's disease  
10 often takes an enormous toll on family members; caregivers  
11 themselves often suffer more stress, depression, and health problems  
12 than caregivers of people with other illnesses; and

13 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes the important role  
14 the State Department of Health plays in promoting and encouraging  
15 healthy behaviors among the general public, increasing early  
16 detection and diagnosis of disease and disability, reducing risk of  
17 future injury and illness, educating the health care workforce, and  
18 monitoring the health of the state.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
20 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
21 CONCURRING THEREIN:

22 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature urges the Commissioner of the  
23 State Department of Health to designate Alzheimer's disease and  
24 other dementias as a public health issue.

THAT a copy of this concurrent resolution be distributed to the  
Commissioner of the State Department of Health.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 13th day of March,  
2018.

Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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