

Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 13

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A Resolution proclaiming June 27th as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day in Oklahoma; designating June as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Month in Oklahoma; urging the state Departments of Health and Veterans Affairs to continue educating victims; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, all citizens of the United States possess the basic human right to the preservation of personal dignity; and

WHEREAS, all citizens deserve the investment of every possible resource to ensure their lasting physical, mental and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, the brave men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces proudly serve and risk their lives to protect our freedom; and

WHEREAS, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) was first defined by the American Psychiatric Association in 1980 to more accurately understand and treat veterans who had endured severe traumatic combat stress; and

WHEREAS, post-traumatic stress injury (PTSI) can occur after experiencing a severely traumatic event including, among others, sexual assault, child abuse, high-impact collisions and crashes, natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and military combat; and

WHEREAS, PTSI is a very common brain injury that is treatable and repairable; and

WHEREAS, referring to the complications from post-traumatic stress as a disorder perpetuates the stigma of and bias against mental illness, which can discourage the injured from seeking proper and timely medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, proper and timely treatment can diminish suicide rates; and

WHEREAS, all citizens suffering from PTSI deserve our compassion and acknowledgement, including those who have suffered trauma while serving our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma Senate proclaims June 27th as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI) Awareness Day in Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma Senate designates June as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Month in Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate urges the state Departments of Health and Veterans Affairs to continue educating victims of abuse, crime and natural disaster, service members, veterans and their families, as well as the general public, about the causes, symptoms, and treatment of post-traumatic stress injury.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Governor Mary Fallin and Thomas Mahany, Executive Director of Honor for ALL.

Adopted by the Senate the 18th day of April, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

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