

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT
5 RESOLUTION 1014

By: Munson of the House

and

Yen of the Senate

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10 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, with no known way to slow or prevent Alzheimer's
24 disease, essential public health services of early detection, risk

1 reduction, and surveillance are necessary to protect and improve the
2 health at a population level; and

3 WHEREAS, in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and
4 Prevention (CDC), the State of Oklahoma annually conducts the
5 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) survey to gather
6 statewide public health data; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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