

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

4 HOUSE  
5 RESOLUTION 1037

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8                                   AS INTRODUCED

9                   A Resolution declaring the month of September of 2018  
10 as Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Month; encouraging  
11 partnership with the State Department of Health,  
12 medical communities and community-based organizations  
13 to raise awareness about atrial fibrillation and  
14 stroke.

15                   WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and  
16 Prevention, atrial fibrillation (AF) is the most common type of  
17 irregular heartbeat; and

18                   WHEREAS, atrial fibrillation consists of both valvular and  
19 nonvalvular atrial fibrillation; and

20                   WHEREAS, nonvalvular atrial fibrillation, which makes up  
21 approximately 95 percent of AF, is estimated to affect 5.8 million  
22 people in the United States; and

1       WHEREAS, those with nonvalvular atrial fibrillation have a risk  
2 of stroke that is five times greater, and approximately 15 percent  
3 of strokes are due to nonvalvular atrial fibrillation; and

4       WHEREAS, nonvalvular atrial fibrillation alone is estimated to  
5 cost \$6.65 billion per year, and nearly 75 percent of the costs of  
6 nonvalvular atrial fibrillation represent direct and indirect costs  
7 associated with hospitalization; and

8       WHEREAS, in 2010, Oklahoma had the fourth highest death rate for  
9 stroke in the nation, and in 2012 stroke was the fifth leading cause  
10 of death in Oklahoma, resulting in 1,881 deaths; and

11       WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control, in 2010,  
12 the stroke death rate among non-Hispanic blacks was 81 percent  
13 higher than the rate among non-Hispanic whites in Oklahoma; and

14       WHEREAS, in 2015, the percentage of adults in Oklahoma who had a  
15 history of having a stroke was 3.7 percent; and

16       WHEREAS, risk factors for atrial fibrillation include high blood  
17 pressure, heart failure, diabetes, advanced age, hyperthyroidism,  
18 and heart disease; and

19       WHEREAS, modifiable lifestyle behaviors that can lead to a  
20 stroke include physical inactivity, tobacco use, poor diet, and  
21 heavy alcohol consumption; and

22       WHEREAS, atrial fibrillation is a serious health issue deserving  
23 attention from state health officials; an increase in community  
24 awareness of atrial fibrillation and its complications can improve

1 the likelihood that people with atrial fibrillation will seek the  
2 treatment they need before suffering from devastating consequences.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
4 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

5 THAT this body encourages its members and their constituents to  
6 partner with the State Department of Health, medical communities,  
7 and community-based organizations to raise awareness about the risks  
8 posed by atrial fibrillation and stroke, as well as the availability  
9 of treatment options.

10 THAT the month of September of 2018 is hereby declared as Atrial  
11 Fibrillation Awareness Month.

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