

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 13

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, post-traumatic stress injury (PTSI) can occur after
experiencing a severely traumatic event including, among others,

1 sexual assault, child abuse, high-impact collisions and crashes,
2 natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and military combat; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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