

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1010

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Concurrent Resolution urging U.S. Food and Drug
9 Administration to promulgate certain rules; and
10 directing distribution.

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12 WHEREAS, in 2013, the cost of medical care and substance abuse
13 treatment for opioid addition and overdose was an estimate 78.5
14 billion; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2015, there were 52,404 overdose deaths in the
16 United States, including 33,091 (63%) that averaged 91 opioid
17 overdose deaths each day; and

18 WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic is being called the worst public
19 health crisis in American history, with its lethal consequences
20 exacting a toll on users and families nationwide; and

21 WHEREAS, on October 26, 2017, President Trump declared the
22 opioid epidemic a national public health emergency to combat the
23 opioid crisis; and
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1 WHEREAS, in an effort to eliminate this national emergency,
2 pharmaceutical companies should cease the consumer advertising of
3 prescription drugs that contain opioids.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
6 CONCURRING THEREIN:

7 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature urges the U.S. Food and Drug
8 Administration to promulgate emergency rules that suspend the direct
9 to consumer advertising of prescription drugs that contain opioids.

10 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President
11 of the United States, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health
12 and Human Services, the Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug
13 Administration, and each member of the Oklahoma Congressional
14 Delegation.

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