

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1017

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing October 2018 as
9 Eczema Awareness Month; and encouraging the show of
10 support for eczema awareness.

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12 WHEREAS, eczema is a set of skin conditions that cause red,
13 itchy, and inflamed skin, and has profound medical, psychosocial,
14 and economic impacts on patients, families, and their communities;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the prevalence of eczema in the United States is 10.1
17 percent; and

18 WHEREAS, eczema impacts over 31.6 million children and adults in
19 the United States alone; and

20 WHEREAS, eczema's medical impacts include dry, cracked, and
21 scaly skin; incessant itch, chronic pain, and sleep deprivation; and

22 WHEREAS 41.5 percent of adult eczema patients report having a
23 concurring diagnosis of depression and 47.9 percent report having a
24 concurring diagnosis of asthma; and

1 WHEREAS, adults and children with eczema frequently also
2 experience comorbidities like asthma, allergic rhinitis, food
3 allergies, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD),
4 bacterial and viral infections, and hypertension; and

5 WHEREAS, eczema's disease burden also includes anxiety, stress
6 on social and intimate relationships, increased suicidal ideation,
7 delayed developmental achievement, reduced self-esteem, restrictions
8 on diet and exercise, extensive caregiver burdens, and challenges
9 with medication adherence; and

10 WHEREAS, eczema results in missed days of school and work for
11 patients and caregivers, disability and reduced ability within a
12 patient's chosen profession, unemployment and underemployment, and
13 other opportunity costs; and

14 WHEREAS, the direct medical costs of the three most common types
15 of eczema exceed \$2.17 Billion and the indirect medical costs exceed
16 \$927 Million; and

17 WHEREAS, two-thirds of eczema patients report experiencing
18 significant access barriers, including high out-of-pocket costs and
19 insurance requirements that delay patients' access to medications;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, there is no cure for eczema but emerging technologies
22 and medications promise a much brighter future for eczema patients.
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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4 THAT the month of October 2018 is hereby declared to be Eczema
5 Awareness Month in Oklahoma.

6 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives wishes to show its
7 support and encourages all constituents to show support for eczema
8 awareness.

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