

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE
4 RESOLUTION 1037

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7 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 WHEREAS, risk factors for atrial fibrillation include high blood
14 pressure, heart failure, diabetes, advanced age, hyperthyroidism,
15 and heart disease; and

16 WHEREAS, modifiable lifestyle behaviors that can lead to a
17 stroke include physical inactivity, tobacco use, poor diet, and
18 heavy alcohol consumption; and

19 WHEREAS, atrial fibrillation is a serious health issue deserving
20 attention from state health officials; an increase in community
21 awareness of atrial fibrillation and its complications can improve
22 the likelihood that people with atrial fibrillation will seek the
23 treatment they need before suffering from devastating consequences.

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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:

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

8 THAT the month of September of 2018 is hereby declared as Atrial
9 Fibrillation Awareness Month.

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