STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE
RESOLUTION 7   By: Hicks

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A Resolution recognizing diabetes impact; supporting
improved health outcomes; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, more than 356,000 Oklahomans are living with diabetes, and deserve to live a full and healthy life; and

WHEREAS, diabetics have the right to have access to affordable health care, education and mental health support services, insulin and other prescribed medications, equipment and supplies, and the nutritious food and clean drinking water they need to thrive; and

WHEREAS, diabetes care is preventive care. Long term health care costs and rates of complications for people with diabetes are lower when they have the insulin, diabetes supplies, and support they need to manage their disease; and

WHEREAS, the diabetes community has been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. Americans with chronic health conditions including diabetes, are hospitalized with COVID-19 six times more often as those without. For patients with diabetes and COVID-19, one in ten

dies within one week of hospital admission, and they account for 40% of COVID-19 fatalities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, it's imperative that Oklahomans with diabetes, particularly those in communities disproportionately impacted by the virus, are among the first to be inoculated against COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma Senate recognizes the many Oklahomans living with diabetes and the impact the disease has on their daily lives.

THAT the Oklahoma Senate supports continued efforts to address the healthcare needs of Oklahomans with diabetes and improve health outcomes.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to members of the Oklahoma Legislative Diabetes Caucus.

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