

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1013

By: Stark and Smith

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution recognizing September as Hydrocephalus
10 Awareness Month; supporting and bringing awareness,
11 education, advocacy, and research to hydrocephalus.

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13 WHEREAS, Hydrocephalus is the buildup of fluid in the cavities
14 deep within the brain that is a life-threatening condition which
15 affects more than 1 million Americans. In the United States, 1 in
16 every 770 babies develops hydrocephalus. Hydrocephalus that is
17 present at birth is referred to as congenital hydrocephalus; and

18 WHEREAS, hydrocephalus that develops later in life in some
19 children, and even in adults, but is caused by a condition that
20 existed at birth, is still considered a form of congenital
21 hydrocephalus; and

22 WHEREAS, our current and former military servicemembers
23 suffering from moderate to severe traumatic brain injuries are at
24 risk of developing hydrocephalus; and

1 WHEREAS, an estimated 800,000 older Americans believed to have
2 Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus are often misdiagnosed as Alzheimer's,
3 Parkinson's or dementia; and

4 WHEREAS, organizations, such as the Pediatric Hydrocephalus
5 Foundation and the Hydrocephalus Association, serve as global
6 leaders for hydrocephalus awareness, education, support, advocacy,
7 and research funding; and

8 WHEREAS, the Hydrocephalus Association, in 2009, established
9 the month of September as Hydrocephalus Awareness Month.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
11 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

12 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives supports the
13 recognition of the month of September as Hydrocephalus Awareness
14 Month in honor of Tucker Giles, a toddler from House District 18 who
15 was diagnosed with congenital hydrocephalus; encourages the citizens
16 of Oklahoma to observe the month of September as Hydrocephalus
17 Awareness Month; and supports the education, advocacy, and research
18 for Hydrocephalus.

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