

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

HOUSE  
RESOLUTION 1013

By: Stark and Smith

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

WHEREAS, our current and former military servicemembers suffering from moderate to severe traumatic brain injuries are at 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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