

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 1008

By: Boatman of the House

and

Rader of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution to raise awareness for
Prader-Willi Syndrome; designating the month of May
as Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS) is a rare, non-inherited
genetic disorder affecting approximately 1 in 15,000 people; and

WHEREAS, nearly every system in the body is affected by Prader-
Willi Syndrome, but the hallmark symptom is extreme hunger coupled
with a slow metabolism; as well as behavioral challenges, obsessive
compulsive disorder, anxiety, sleep problems, and scoliosis; and

WHEREAS, Prader-Willi Syndrome Association of Oklahoma was
established in May, 1995 by a small group of Oklahoma parents who
saw the need to promote education of this syndrome among PWS
families, professionals, and communities and assist these families
of PWS children; and

1 WHEREAS, the mission of the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association of
2 Oklahoma is to inform parents, professionals, and others of the
3 medical and management issues related to PWS, inspire research and
4 training of parents and professionals resulting in better
5 management, care, and treatment of persons with PWS, to advocate for
6 state legislative and agency action to promote funding and better
7 social, educational, and caregiving services to persons with PWS,
8 and to provide resources to parents and families impacted by PWS by
9 providing emotional support and practical assistance to enable them
10 to persevere in wisely managing the person with PWS; and

11 WHEREAS, Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month has mobilized the
12 Prader-Willi syndrome community to raise awareness and educate
13 others in their communities and across the state; and

14 WHEREAS, the Legislature designates the month of May as Prader-
15 Willi Syndrome Awareness Month to raise awareness and encourage
16 education and research into the genetic disorder.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
18 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
19 CONCURRING THEREIN:

20 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature supports the designation of the
21 month of May as "Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month"; encourages
22 all people of the United States to become more informed about
23 Prader-Willi Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder; supports expanded
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1 research to better understand PWS, develop effective care and
2 treatment, and promote funding to provide better social,
3 educational, and caregiving services to persons with PWS.
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