

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1020

By: West (Tammy) and Lepak

A Resolution recognizing September 21 through September 28, 2025 as Lezlie Holliday Frontotemporal Dementia Awareness Week; and expressing the importance of Lezlie Holliday Frontotemporal Dementia Awareness Week.

WHEREAS, frontotemporal dementia (FTD) is a form of dementia caused by progressive nerve cell loss in the brain's frontal and temporal lobes, which variably causes deterioration in behavior, personality, and/or difficulty with producing or comprehending language; and

WHEREAS, according to the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration, FTD is frequently misdiagnosed as Alzheimer's, depression, Parkinson's disease, or a psychiatric condition. On average, it currently takes 3.6 years to get an accurate diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, most FTD cases occur between the ages of 45 and 64. Therefore, FTD has a potentially substantially greater impact on work, family, and finances; and

WHEREAS, the economic burden of FTD is estimated to be \$120,000 per year per family; and

WHEREAS, FTD may affect a person's ability to express emotions and to show affection and empathy; and

WHEREAS, in the behavioral variant of FTD, a person's personality may be significantly changed and this could manifest as impaired judgment and responding to social situations in a way that may be considered inappropriate; and

WHEREAS, in the language variants of FTD (primary progressive aphasia), a person may have difficulty producing speech and understanding grammar, lose the meaning of words or become hesitant in their speech, and may eventually become non-verbal; and

WHEREAS, today, there is no cure for FTD, and no current treatments available to slow or stop the progression of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the last week of September has been declared World Frontotemporal Dementia Awareness Week to raise funds to improve care and support options, support research for treatments and ultimately a cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the last week of September 21-28, 2025, is hereby recognized by the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the State of Oklahoma as Lezlie Holliday Frontotemporal Dementia Awareness Week, in order to raise public awareness about frontotemporal dementia.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives acknowledges the critical importance of frontotemporal dementia awareness to improve brain health in the State of Oklahoma and for research to find a treatment and possibly a cure.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives supports raising awareness of the consequences of undiagnosed and misdiagnosed frontotemporal dementia and the need for appropriate care for individuals with frontotemporal dementia.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 30th day of April,
2025.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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