

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE
RESOLUTION 28

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution recognizing alpha-gal syndrome as a serious public health and safety concern; acknowledging the impact of tick-borne illnesses in Oklahoma; supporting increased awareness, education, prevention, and research; declaring May as Alpha-gal Awareness and Prevention Month; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, alpha-gal syndrome is a potentially life-threatening allergic condition, most often caused by tick bites, that is increasingly affecting Oklahoma residents; and

WHEREAS, public health officials and researchers have reported a notable rise in alpha-gal syndrome cases in recent years; and

WHEREAS, individuals with alpha-gal syndrome experience varying sensitivities and reactions, often requiring strict avoidance of certain meat and dairy products; and

1 WHEREAS, exposure can trigger severe allergic reactions,
2 including life-threatening anaphylaxis, sometimes hours after
3 contact; and

4 WHEREAS, alpha-gal syndrome can lead to emotional, medical, and
5 financial burdens impacting an individual's quality of life,
6 education, employment, and access to care; and

7 WHEREAS, Oklahoma's climate, wildlife, and outdoor traditions
8 increase residents' risk of tick exposure; and

9 WHEREAS, public education, early recognition, and tick-bite
10 prevention are critical to protecting the health of Oklahomans.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
12 OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

13 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes alpha-gal syndrome as
14 a serious and potentially life-threatening condition affecting
15 Oklahoma residents.

16 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate encourages health care providers,
17 public health officials, educators, and community groups to increase
18 awareness of alpha-gal syndrome and other tick-borne illnesses.

19 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate supports continued research into
20 the causes, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of alpha-gal
21 syndrome and other tick-borne diseases.

22 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate declares the month of May as
23 Alpha-gal Awareness and Prevention Month in the State of Oklahoma.
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1 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the State
2 Department of Health to inform the agency's tick-borne disease
3 education and prevention.
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