

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1016

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution proclaiming April 2, 2015, as Type 1
10 Diabetes Awareness Day at the State Capitol;
11 supporting work of the Juvenile Diabetes Research
12 Foundation.

13 WHEREAS, Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) is an autoimmune disease in which
14 a person's pancreas stops producing insulin, a hormone that enables
15 a person to turn food into energy. There is no known cause for T1D,
16 but it results in a person's own immune system killing the beta
17 cells in the pancreas, thereby destroying that person's ability to
18 produce insulin; and

19 WHEREAS, scientists think that both genetic and environmental
20 aspects may possibly contribute to factors that trigger the onset of
21 T1D. The onset of T1D has nothing to do with diet or lifestyle. As
22 of now, there is nothing you can do to prevent T1D and no cure for
23 it; and

1 WHEREAS, it is thought as many as 3 million Americans have T1D.
2 Each year more than 30,000 children and adults are diagnosed with
3 T1D. That is approximately 80 people every day. T1D is estimated
4 to increase 3% annually worldwide each year. T1D accounts for \$14.9
5 billion in healthcare costs in the U.S. each year; and

6 WHEREAS, T1D strikes young children and strikes adults at any
7 age. It develops suddenly and in some cases without symptoms. It
8 causes dependence on injected insulin for the rest of that person's
9 life to stay alive and carries constant threat of devastating
10 complications. These life-threatening complications occur either
11 when their blood sugar is too low or too high. This is why repeated
12 monitoring of a person's blood sugar is mandatory. Living with T1D
13 is a constant challenge. People must carefully balance their
14 insulin intake either by injections or continuous infusion by an
15 insulin pump. This has to be done day and night any time the person
16 is going to eat or drink, exercise, or experience stressful
17 situations; and

18 WHEREAS, people with T1D monitor their blood sugar by pricking
19 their fingers six or more times a day. Despite this constant
20 attention to blood sugar, they can still run the risk of dangerous
21 highs or lows which is life threatening. People with T1D overcome
22 these challenges on a daily and even hourly basis; and

23 WHEREAS, while insulin injections with a shot or pump allow a
24 person with T1D to stay alive, they are not a cure and may not

1 prevent the possibility of complications from T1D like blindness,
2 stroke, heart attack, kidney failure, and more; and

3 WHEREAS, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is driving
4 research to continually find ways to lessen the impact of the
5 disease on people's lives and hopefully find a cure for T1D.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

8 THAT Thursday, April 2, 2015, is hereby proclaimed as "Type 1
9 Diabetes Awareness Day" at the State Capitol, supporting the work of
10 the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation whose goal is to
11 progressively remove the impact of T1D from people's lives until a
12 world without T1D is achieved.

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