

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE  
4 RESOLUTION 61

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution recognizing September as Pain Awareness  
8 Month in Oklahoma; urging state agencies to examine  
9 ways to improve health and reduce expenditures; and  
10 encouraging patients and providers to follow  
11 appropriate pain management.

12 WHEREAS, pain is a major public health problem and is the top  
13 reason Americans seek medical care; and

14 WHEREAS, increased awareness about the effects of chronic pain  
15 result in better outcomes, increased access to efficient pain care,  
16 and empowerment and validation for those living with pain; and

17 WHEREAS, a 2011 report by the Institute of Medicine found that  
18 significant savings could be achieved through better treatment of  
19 acute and chronic pain; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2012, Oklahoma tied Kentucky for the third highest  
21 rate of painkillers prescribed; and, in 2014, 510 Oklahomans died  
22 from unintentional drug overdose; and

23 WHEREAS, new technologies are available that can protect the  
24 integrity of pain medications by preventing them from being misused  
or abused; and

1       WHEREAS, the introduction of pain medication abuse-deterrent  
2 technologies is of great potential significance to support continued  
3 patient access to these important medicines and to the general  
4 interests of Oklahoma as a strategy to limit prescription opioid  
5 abuse problems.

6       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION  
7 OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

8       THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes September as Pain  
9 Awareness Month in Oklahoma, and encourages all citizens to become  
10 more informed and aware of the impacts of chronic pain and avenues  
11 to prevent prescription opioid abuse.

12       THAT the Oklahoma State Senate urges state agencies to examine  
13 how the state can improve the health and productivity of its  
14 citizens and reduce personal and government expenditures by  
15 implementing the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine's 2011  
16 report: Relieving Pain in America.

17       THAT the Oklahoma State Senate encourages patients and providers  
18 to follow appropriate pain management, including the use of non-  
19 pharmacological treatments, non-opioid medications and abuse  
20 deterrent medications when appropriate.

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