Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 80 By: Johnson (Constance)

A Resolution supporting the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, unintentional prescription drug overdoses claimed the lives of 534 Oklahomans in 2012; and

WHEREAS, research suggests that as many as one in eight Oklahomans abuse prescription painkillers; and

WHEREAS, prescription drug abuse is a leading cause of death in Oklahomans between ages 18 and 55 and was the number one cause of overdose deaths in Oklahoma in 2013; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, more overdose deaths in Oklahoma involved hydrocodone than methamphetamines, heroin, and cocaine combined; and

WHEREAS, The United States Drug Enforcement Administration's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control is charged with the collection of prescription drugs submitted during National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day; and

WHEREAS, National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day will be Saturday, April 26, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate encourages all Oklahomans to deposit unused or unneeded prescription drugs at a designated drop-off site.

THAT a copy of this resolution be presented to the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control and the Eagle Ridge Institute.

Adopted by the Senate the 24th day of April, 2014.

Eddie Fields
Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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