

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1076

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A Resolution recognizing chronic pain and abuse of pain medicine as serious health problems; encouraging state agencies to implement certain recommendations; encouraging patients and providers to follow appropriate pain management; recognizing September as Pain Awareness Month; and encouraging citizens to become informed.

WHEREAS, pain is a major public health problem and is the number one reason Americans seek medical care; and

WHEREAS, according to the Institute of Medicine, over 100 million Americans live with chronic pain as a result of serious illnesses and injuries; and

WHEREAS, chronic pain costs America up to \$635 billion a year in added health costs and lost productivity, including billions of dollars in state Medicaid costs; and

WHEREAS, significant barriers to adequate pain care exist and millions of Americans get inadequate pain care; and

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

WHEREAS, the 2011 report "Relieving Pain in America: A Blueprint for Transforming Prevention, Care, Education and Research" by the Institute of Medicine includes a number of recommendations to improve pain care, education and research; and

WHEREAS, the report by the Institute of Medicine also found that significant savings can be achieved through better treatment of

acute pain by reducing workers' compensation costs, lost tax revenue and the economic burden of opioid abuse and misuse; and

WHEREAS, the use and misuse of prescription pain drugs and opioids is a problem in Oklahoma that is increasing; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Oklahoma tied Kentucky for the third highest rate of painkillers prescribed; and

WHEREAS, according to the State Department of Health in 2014, 510 people in Oklahoma died from unintentional drug overdose; and

WHEREAS, new technologies are available that can protect the integrity of pain medications by preventing their form from being altered in a manner that would facilitate misuse or abuse of the medications; and

WHEREAS, the introduction of technologies that deter abuse into the pain medication area is of great potential significance to Oklahoma as a method to support the continued access of patients to these important medicines and to the general interests of Oklahoma as a strategy to limit prescription opioid abuse problems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes that chronic pain is a serious health problem.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives encourages the appropriate agencies of state government to examine how the state can improve the health and productivity of citizens and reduce personal and government health expenditures by implementing the recommendations made in the report "Relieving Pain in America: A Blueprint for Transforming Prevention, Care, Education and Research" by the Institute of Medicine.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes that prescription drug abuse of pain medications is a serious health problem for the state.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives encourages patients and providers to follow appropriate pain management including the use of nonpharmacological treatments, nonopioid medications and abuse-deterrent medications when appropriate.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby recognizes September as Pain Awareness Month and encourages all Oklahomans to become more informed and aware of the impacts of chronic pain and avenues to prevent prescription opioid abuse.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 20th day of May, 2016.


Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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day of May, 20 16, at 2:12 o'clock P. M.
By: Bob Wall