Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1008

By: Boatman of the House

and

Rader, Alvord, Bergstrom, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Dahm, Daniels, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney, Montgomery, Murdock, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Standridge, Stanley, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Thompson (Roger), Treat, Weaver, Woods, and Young of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution to raise awareness for Prader-Willi Syndrome; designating the month of May as Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS) is a rare, non-inherited genetic disorder affecting approximately 1 in 15,000 people; and

WHEREAS, nearly every system in the body is affected by Prader-Willi Syndrome, but the hallmark symptom is extreme hunger coupled with a slow metabolism, as well as behavioral challenges, obsessive-compulsive disorder, anxiety, sleep problems, and scoliosis; and

WHEREAS, the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association of Oklahoma was established in May 1995 by a small group of Oklahoma parents who saw the need to promote education of this syndrome among PWS families, professionals, and communities and assist these families of PWS children; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association of Oklahoma is to inform parents, professionals, and others of the medical and management issues related to PWS, inspire research and training of parents and professionals resulting in better management, care, and treatment of persons with PWS, to advocate for state legislative and agency action to promote funding and better social, educational, and caregiving services to persons with PWS, and to provide resources to parents and families impacted by PWS by providing emotional support and practical assistance to enable them to persevere in wisely managing the person with PWS; and

WHEREAS, Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month has mobilized the Prader-Willi Syndrome community to raise awareness and educate others in their communities and across the state; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature designates the month of May as Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month to raise awareness and encourage education and research into the genetic disorder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature supports the designation of the month of May as "Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month"; encourages all people of the United States to become more informed about Prader-Willi Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder; supports expanded research to better understand PWS, develop effective care and treatment, and promote funding to provide better social, educational, and caregiving services to persons with PWS.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 16th day of May, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 23rd day of May, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 24th day of May, 2023, at 3:03 o'clock P. M.

By: Blair Bingham