Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1013 By: Stark, Smith, and Munson

A Resolution recognizing September as Hydrocephalus Awareness Month; supporting and bringing awareness, education, advocacy, and research to hydrocephalus.

WHEREAS, Hydrocephalus is the buildup of fluid in the cavities deep within the brain that is a life-threatening condition which affects more than 1 million Americans. In the United States, 1 in every 770 babies develops hydrocephalus. Hydrocephalus that is present at birth is referred to as congenital hydrocephalus; and

WHEREAS, hydrocephalus that develops later in life in some children, and even in adults, but is caused by a condition that existed at birth, is still considered a form of congenital hydrocephalus; and

WHEREAS, our current and former military servicemembers suffering from moderate to severe traumatic brain injuries are at risk of developing hydrocephalus; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 800,000 older Americans believed to have Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus are often misdiagnosed as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's or dementia; and

WHEREAS, organizations, such as the Pediatric Hydrocephalus Foundation and the Hydrocephalus Association, serve as global leaders for hydrocephalus awareness, education, support, advocacy, and research funding; and

WHEREAS, the Hydrocephalus Association, in 2009, established the month of September as Hydrocephalus Awareness Month.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives supports the recognition of the month of September as Hydrocephalus Awareness Month in honor of Tucker Giles, a toddler from House District 18 who was diagnosed with congenital hydrocephalus; encourages the citizens of Oklahoma to observe the month of September as Hydrocephalus Awareness Month; and supports the education, advocacy, and research for Hydrocephalus.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 4th day of May, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 8th day of May, 2023, at 1:35 o'clock p M.

By: Brian Bingman