

# Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE  
CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1014

By: Munson and Lepak of the  
House

and

Yen, Pittman, Allen, Bass,  
Bergstrom, Bice, Boggs,  
Brecheen, Brooks, Brown,  
Dahm, Daniels, David,  
Dossett, Dugger, Fields,  
Floyd, Fry, Griffin, Holt,  
Ikley-Freeman, Jech, Kidd,  
Leewright, Matthews,  
McCortney, Murdock,  
Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson,  
Pemberton, Pugh, Quinn,  
Rader, Rosino, Schulz,  
Scott, Sharp, Shaw, Silk,  
Simpson, Smalley, Sparks,  
Standridge, Stanislawski,  
Sykes, Thompson and Treat  
of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution increasing awareness of  
Alzheimer's disease and other dementias; urging the  
State Department of Health to designate Alzheimer's  
disease and other dementias as a public health issue;  
and providing for distribution.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature to  
increase awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias,  
address cognitive impairment, promote brain health, and meet the  
needs of caregivers; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease, which currently has no cure, is the sixth leading cause of death in adults age eighteen or older in the United States; and

WHEREAS, with no known way to slow or prevent Alzheimer's disease, essential public health services of early detection, risk reduction, and surveillance are necessary to protect and improve the health at a population level; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the State of Oklahoma annually conducts the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) survey to gather statewide public health data; and

WHEREAS, in the 2015 BRFSS survey, 13.6 percent - one in seven - Oklahomans age 45 and older reported an increase in confusion or worsening memory loss and over half of them (55.7 percent) had not discussed these cognitive concerns with a health care provider; and

WHEREAS, caregiving for individuals with Alzheimer's disease often takes an enormous toll on family members; caregivers themselves often suffer more stress, depression, and health problems than caregivers of people with other illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes the important role the State Department of Health plays in promoting and encouraging healthy behaviors among the general public, increasing early detection and diagnosis of disease and disability, reducing risk of future injury and illness, educating the health care workforce, and monitoring the health of the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature urges the Commissioner of the State Department of Health to designate Alzheimer's disease and other dementias as a public health issue.

THAT a copy of this concurrent resolution be distributed to the Commissioner of the State Department of Health.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 13th day of March, 2018.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 21st day of March, 2018.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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