

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1005

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Recognizing November 2013 as COPD Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), also known as chronic bronchitis and emphysema, is the third leading cause of death in the United States and is the second leading cause of disability; and

WHEREAS, pulmonary experts predict that by the year 2020, COPD will become the leading cause of death worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the major risk factor for COPD is smoking. Other risk factors include environmental and workplace exposure to air pollution, a history of childhood respiratory infection, and genetics; and

WHEREAS, chronic lower respiratory disease (which includes COPD and asthma) accounted for 6.4 percent of the 2010 South Dakota resident deaths; and

WHEREAS, there were over 57,000 hospitalizations for acute respiratory diseases in South Dakota between 2000-2009 for residents 65 years of age and older; and

WHEREAS, half of persons with COPD report that their condition limits their ability to work, while 34 percent say that COPD keeps them from working, and 17 percent say their condition limits them in the kind or amount of work they can do; and

WHEREAS, early COPD screening and diagnosis is critical, and a diagnostic test for COPD known as spirometry is available for office use, yet most people are not diagnosed until they have reached an advanced stage of COPD; and

WHEREAS, the American Lung Association in South Dakota is implementing the South Dakota COPD Strategic Plan, a statewide effort to increase early detection, improve care and treatment, and prevent and reduce the prevalence of the disease; and

WHEREAS, until there is a cure for COPD, increased public awareness, early detection, and proper health management can slow the progression of the disease and lead to reduced costs and improved quality of life for our residents:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-Eighth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South Dakota

Legislature recognizes the month of November 2013 as COPD Awareness Month throughout the state in recognition of this deadly disease and its effects on the citizens of South Dakota and encourages all residents of South Dakota to learn more about the prevention and treatment of COPD.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

February 13, 2013
February 15, 2013

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