

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
2 RESOLUTION NO. 1008

By: Boatman of the House

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4 Rader of the Senate
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8 A Concurrent Resolution to raise awareness for
Prader-Willi Syndrome; designating the month of May
9 as Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month.
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12 WHEREAS, Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS) is a rare, non-inherited
13 genetic disorder affecting approximately 1 in 15,000 people; and

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

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

23 WHEREAS, the mission of the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association of
24 Oklahoma is to inform parents, professionals, and others of the

1 medical and management issues related to PWS, inspire research and
2 training of parents and professionals resulting in better
3 management, care, and treatment of persons with PWS, to advocate for
4 state legislative and agency action to promote funding and better
5 social, educational, and caregiving services to persons with PWS,
6 and to provide resources to parents and families impacted by PWS by
7 providing emotional support and practical assistance to enable them
8 to persevere in wisely managing the person with PWS; and

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

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

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

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

