

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 1009

By: McEntire of the House

and

Haste of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution designating Hypertrophic
Cardiomyopathy Awareness Day and supporting efforts
to educate people about hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

WHEREAS, Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM) is a chronic
cardiovascular disease involving thickening of the heart muscle and
can potentially lead to debilitating symptoms and serious
complications including heart failure, atrial fibrillation, stroke,
and in rare cases sudden cardiac death; and

WHEREAS, HCM is the most common inheritable heart disease and
can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, or ethnicity with a
reported prevalence ranging from 1 in 200 to 1 in 500 in the general
population; and

1 WHEREAS, an estimated 700,000 people in the United States have
2 HCM, yet 85 percent of them may remain undiagnosed; and

3 WHEREAS, HCM shares symptoms with other common cardiovascular
4 and pulmonary diseases, such as shortness of breath, chest pain,
5 fatigue, palpitations, and fainting, making it difficult to
6 distinguish HCM from these other diseases; and

7 WHEREAS, all-cause mortality risk is three to four times higher
8 in patients with HCM than that of the general population; and

9 WHEREAS, knowing one's medical history and any signs and
10 symptoms of HCM is an important first step in receiving an accurate
11 diagnosis of HCM; and

12 WHEREAS, a health care provider must conduct a thorough
13 screening with cardiac health questions to help identify a risk of
14 cardiac disorders, both genetic and congenital; and

15 WHEREAS, a health care provider may conduct several tests,
16 including an echocardiogram, a cardiac MRI, or genetic testing to
17 confirm a family history of HCM, and must examine the heart to
18 diagnose HCM; and

19 WHEREAS, following a diagnosis of HCM, it is important for
20 patients to work with their health care provider to learn more about
21 their disease and understand different management options, including
22 prescription medicines and surgical treatment options that may help;
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1 WHEREAS, the Legislature designates the fourth Wednesday in
2 February as Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Awareness Day.

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

6 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature supports the designation of the
7 fourth Wednesday in February of each year as "Hypertrophic
8 Cardiomyopathy Awareness Day" in the State of Oklahoma in order to
9 raise public awareness about hypertrophic cardiomyopathy;
10 acknowledges the critical importance of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
11 awareness to improve cardiovascular health in the State of Oklahoma;
12 supports raising awareness of the consequences of undiagnosed and
13 untreated hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and the need to seek
14 appropriate care for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy as a serious public
15 health issue; and respectfully requests the Governor to issue
16 annually a proclamation recognizing the fourth Wednesday in February
17 in the State of Oklahoma as "Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Awareness
18 Day" and calls upon the people in the State of Oklahoma to observe
19 the day with appropriate programs and activities.

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