

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT
5 RESOLUTION 1017

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing October 2018 as
10 Eczema Awareness Month; and encouraging the show of
11 support for eczema awareness.

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13 WHEREAS, eczema is a set of skin conditions that cause red,
14 itchy, and inflamed skin, and has profound medical, psychosocial,
15 and economic impacts on patients, families, and their communities;
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17 WHEREAS, the prevalence of eczema in the United States is 10.1
18 percent; and

19 WHEREAS, eczema impacts over 31.6 million children and adults in
20 the United States alone; and

21 WHEREAS, eczema's medical impacts include dry, cracked, and
22 scaly skin; incessant itch, chronic pain, and sleep deprivation; and
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1 WHEREAS 41.5 percent of adult eczema patients report having a
2 concurring diagnosis of depression and 47.9 percent report having a
3 concurring diagnosis of asthma; and

4 WHEREAS, adults and children with eczema frequently also
5 experience comorbidities like asthma, allergic rhinitis, food
6 allergies, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD),
7 bacterial and viral infections, and hypertension; and

8 WHEREAS, eczema's disease burden also includes anxiety, stress
9 on social and intimate relationships, increased suicidal ideation,
10 delayed developmental achievement, reduced self-esteem, restrictions
11 on diet and exercise, extensive caregiver burdens, and challenges
12 with medication adherence; and

13 WHEREAS, eczema results in missed days of school and work for
14 patients and caregivers, disability and reduced ability within a
15 patient's chosen profession, unemployment and underemployment, and
16 other opportunity costs; and

17 WHEREAS, the direct medical costs of the three most common types
18 of eczema exceed \$2.17 Billion and the indirect medical costs exceed
19 \$927 Million; and

20 WHEREAS, two-thirds of eczema patients report experiencing
21 significant access barriers, including high out-of-pocket costs and
22 insurance requirements that delay patients' access to medications;
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1 WHEREAS, there is no cure for eczema but emerging technologies
2 and medications promise a much brighter future for eczema patients.

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

6 THAT the month of October 2018 is hereby declared to be Eczema
7 Awareness Month in Oklahoma.

8 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives wishes to show its
9 support and encourages all constituents to show support for eczema
10 awareness.

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12 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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