

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 1008

By: Miller of the House

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10 A Concurrent Resolution proclaiming May 12 through  
11 May 18, 2019, Food Allergy Awareness Week.  
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14 WHEREAS, as many as 32 million Americans have food allergies;  
15 nearly 6 million are children under the age of 18; and

16 WHEREAS, research shows that the prevalence of food allergy is  
17 increasing among children and adults; and

18 WHEREAS, eight foods cause the majority of all food allergy  
19 reactions in the United States: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree  
20 nuts, peanuts, soy, and wheat. Symptoms of food-allergic reaction  
21 can range from mild to severe, such as anaphylaxis; and

22 WHEREAS, anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is  
23 rapid in onset and may cause death; and  
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1       WHEREAS, food allergy results in more than 200,000 emergency  
2 department visits each year. Reactions typically occur when an  
3 individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which  
4 they are allergic; and

5       WHEREAS, the number of food allergy reactions requiring  
6 emergency treatment is up sharply over the decade, with a three-  
7 hundred seventy-seven percent (377%) rise in insurance claim lines  
8 with diagnoses of anaphylactic food reactions between 2007 and 2016;  
9 and

10       WHEREAS, Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE) is a national,  
11 nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving the quality of life  
12 and the health of individuals with food allergies, and to provide  
13 them hope through the promise of new treatments.

14       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
15 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
16 CONCURRING THEREIN:

17       THAT May 12 through May 18, 2019 is hereby declared as Food  
18 Allergy Awareness Week.

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