

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 699

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A RESOLUTION to commemorate April 2016 as Adrenal Disease Awareness Month in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, adrenal diseases affect the body's ability to stabilize from stressful situations, whether medical, physical, mental, or emotional; and

WHEREAS, adrenal diseases, like primary adrenal insufficiency in particular, are devastating, rare, lifelong, and, if unmanaged, fatal illnesses; and

WHEREAS, a cure for adrenal disease has not yet been found; individuals with adrenal illnesses can live long, useful lives through accurate diagnosis, appropriate medical guidance and education for lifelong management of the condition, and necessary medical attention and intervention in times of crisis or emergency; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we promote awareness and educate families, medical professionals, the judicial and educational systems, and the general public so that everyone is able to recognize these as physical, lifelong, but easily treatable illnesses; and

WHEREAS, support groups, including the Tennessee Adrenal Disease Support Group, are dedicating efforts to advocate for education and support of all persons with or who suspect adrenal disease; and

WHEREAS, adrenal disease, in its great complexity, requires increased research to find better treatments, awareness, recognition, and understanding so that persons with adrenal disease living in our State and throughout our country are accurately diagnosed, effectively educated, and properly treated; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we join with the members of the Tennessee Adrenal Disease Support Group as they observe April 2016 as Adrenal Disease Awareness Month in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.