

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1772

A RESOLUTION recognizing Addison's Army Against Melanoma for its work educating and spreading awareness about melanoma skin cancer.

WHEREAS, During the summer of 2011, both Briana Cox and her newborn second child, Addison, were diagnosed with stage IV melanoma skin cancer. In a rare occurrence, the cancer had passed from mother to daughter during pregnancy. Briana lost her life to melanoma on February 12, 2012, at the age of 33, and was followed by Addison on August 8, 2013. Addison's Army Against Melanoma was formed to continue Briana's dream of fighting against melanoma skin cancer through education, advocacy and prevention; and

WHEREAS, Addison's Army Against Melanoma was formed by the following members: James Cox (President and Co-Founder); Kimberly Rubio (Vice-President and Co-Founder); Jessica Edgerle (Board Member); Elisha Snell (Board Member); Sarah Stotler (Secretary); and Gabriella Westfall (Treasurer); and

WHEREAS, Melanoma is the most dangerous type of skin cancer and the leading cause of death from skin disease. In addition to the surface of the skin, melanoma can also metastasize to organs, systems and structures in the body. However, melanoma can often be found early through monthly self-examinations of moles and routine cancer-related checkups by doctors or other health care professionals; and

WHEREAS, Three years ago, Addison's Army Against Melanoma started its Coloring Book Campaign, which is designed to bring the melanoma awareness message to young kids in Wichita, Kansas area schools. It teaches students, in an age-appropriate way, how to protect themselves against the dangers of sun exposure. Addison's Army started this program with 500 coloring books in just one school. Within three years, the project grew to over 40,000 coloring books in over 100 schools; and

WHEREAS, In both 2014 and 2015, Addison's Army Against Melanoma received a \$25,000 Excellence in Education grant from State Farm Insurance to help double the number of coloring books in Kansas schools: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we recognize Addison's Army Against Melanoma for its work educating and spreading awareness about melanoma skin cancer; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send enrolled copies of this resolution to James Cox, Kimberly Rubio, Jessica Edgerle, Elisha Snell, Sarah Stotler, Gabriella Westfall and Senator Faust-Goudeau.

Senate Resolution No. 1772 was sponsored by Senators Oletha Faust-Goudeau and Mike Petersen.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*