

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1775**

**A RESOLUTION designating May 2016 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month.**

**WHEREAS, Cystic fibrosis, commonly referred to as "CF," is a genetic disease affecting approximately 30,000 children and adults in the United States and nearly 70,000 children and adults worldwide, 366 of whom live in the state of Kansas; and**

**WHEREAS, A defective gene causes the body to produce an abnormally thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs, and these secretions produce life-threatening lung infections and obstruct the pancreas, preventing digestive enzymes from reaching the intestines to help break down and absorb food; and**

**WHEREAS, More than 10 million Americans are symptomless carriers of the defective CF gene, and CF occurs in approximately one of every 3,500 live births in the United States; and**

**WHEREAS, The median age of survival for a person with CF is 39.3 years; and**

**WHEREAS, Despite advances in the treatment of CF, the number of adults with CF has steadily grown, and approximately 900 new cases of CF are diagnosed each year; and**

**WHEREAS, Fifty percent of the CF population is 18 years of age and older, and people with CF have a variety of symptoms attributed to the more than 1,800 mutations of the CF gene; and**

**WHEREAS, Infant blood screening to detect genetic defects is the most reliable and least costly method to identify persons likely to have CF; and**

**WHEREAS, Early diagnosis of CF permits early treatment and enhances quality of life and longevity. The treatment of CF depends on the stage of the disease and the organs involved; and**

**WHEREAS, Clearing mucus from the lungs is an important part of the daily CF treatment regimen. Other types of treatments include inhaled antibiotics and pancreatic enzymes, among others; and**

**WHEREAS, There are four world-class treatment centers in the state of Kansas which specialize in the diagnosis of CF and the care of persons with CF; and**

**WHEREAS, A critical component of treating patients with CF includes access to innovative treatments, which can play a crucial role in the lives of patients with CF; and**

**WHEREAS, Improving the length and quality of life for people with CF starts with awareness: Now, therefore,**

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we designate May 2016 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month; and*

*Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Schmidt.*

Senate Resolution No. 1775 was sponsored by Senator Vicki Schmidt.

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.*