

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1005

Introduced by: Representatives Gosch, Bartling, Bolin, Cronin, Ecklund, Erickson, Feinstein, Gibson, Greenfield, Haggar (Jenna), Hansen, Hawks, Hawley, Heinemann (Leslie), Heinert, Hoffman, Hunhoff (Bernie), Johns, Kaiser, Killer, Kirschman, Lust, Magstadt, Miller, Nelson, Novstrup (David), Parsley, Peterson, Rasmussen, Ring, Romkema, Rounds, Russell, Schoenfish, Schrempp, Sly, Soli, Stalzer, Steele, Tyler, Verchio, Wick, and Wismer and Senators Hunhoff (Jean), Adelstein, Bradford, Brown, Buhl, Ewing, Frerichs, Holien, Jensen, Johnston, Jones, Kirkeby, Krebs, Lederman, Lucas, Monroe, Novstrup (Al), Olson (Russell), Omdahl, Otten (Ernie), Peters, Rempelberg, Rave, Rhoden, Soholt, Sutton, Tidemann, Tieszen, Van Gerpen, Vehle, Welke, and White

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Recognizing November 2013 as COPD Awareness Month.

2 WHEREAS, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), also known as chronic  
3 bronchitis and emphysema, is the third leading cause of death in the United States and is the  
4 second leading cause of disability; and

5 WHEREAS, pulmonary experts predict that by the year 2020, COPD will become the  
6 leading cause of death worldwide; and

7 WHEREAS, the major risk factor for COPD is smoking. Other risk factors include  
8 environmental and workplace exposure to air pollution, a history of childhood respiratory  
9 infection, and genetics; and

10 WHEREAS, chronic lower respiratory disease (which includes COPD and asthma)



1 accounted for 6.4 percent of the 2010 South Dakota resident deaths; and

2 WHEREAS, there were over 57,000 hospitalizations for acute respiratory diseases in South  
3 Dakota between 2000-2009 for residents 65 years of age and older; and

4 WHEREAS, half of persons with COPD report that their condition limits their ability to  
5 work, while 34 percent say that COPD keeps them from working, and 17 percent say their  
6 condition limits them in the kind or amount of work they can do; and

7 WHEREAS, early COPD screening and diagnosis is critical, and a diagnostic test for COPD  
8 known as spirometry is available for office use, yet most people are not diagnosed until they  
9 have reached an advanced stage of COPD; and

10 WHEREAS, the American Lung Association in South Dakota is implementing the South  
11 Dakota COPD Strategic Plan, a statewide effort to increase early detection, improve care and  
12 treatment, and prevent and reduce the prevalence of the disease; and

13 WHEREAS, until there is a cure for COPD, increased public awareness, early detection, and  
14 proper health management can slow the progression of the disease and lead to reduced costs and  
15 improved quality of life for our residents:

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-  
17 Eighth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South  
18 Dakota Legislature recognizes the month of November 2013 as COPD Awareness Month  
19 throughout the state in recognition of this deadly disease and its effects on the citizens of South  
20 Dakota and encourages all residents of South Dakota to learn more about the prevention and  
21 treatment of COPD.