

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4678, by Representative Rodne

WHEREAS, Deep vein thrombosis, a serious medical condition, affects approximately two million Americans every year; complications from this usually preventable medical condition claim up to 300,000 American lives each year; and

WHEREAS, Deep vein thrombosis occurs when a blood clot forms in one of the large veins, usually in the lower limbs, which leads to partially or completely blocked circulation and may result in a fatal pulmonary embolism; and

WHEREAS, Pulmonary embolism causes more deaths each year than breast cancer and AIDS combined and is the leading cause of maternal death associated with childbirth; fatal pulmonary embolism may be the most preventable cause of hospital death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Some of the risk factors for deep vein thrombosis include cancer and certain heart and respiratory diseases; the condition can also be triggered by hospitalization, pregnancy, obesity, or restricted mobility caused by long-distance travel; and

WHEREAS, According to a survey conducted by the American Public Health Association, 74 percent of Americans are unaware of deep vein thrombosis; and

WHEREAS, the United States Senate has designated March as Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives acknowledge the importance of raising public awareness of the threat and causes of deep vein thrombosis and recognize March as Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared in support of Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month by the Washington State House of Representatives.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4678 adopted by the House of Representatives
January 22, 2008

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk