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OAC Supports Congressional Effort to Designate the Month of September as

“CHILDHOOD OBESITY AWARENESS MONTH”

In December 2009, the OAC joined with dozens of other organizations in supporting a House Resolution sponsored by Representatives Marcia Fudge (D-OH) and Kay Granger (R-TX) that would designate the month of September as “Childhood Obesity Awareness Month.”

In addition to signing on as an official supporter of the Resolution, OAC President Joe Nadglowski personally reached out to the Health Legislative staff in every Congressional office, urging them to have their legislator co-sponsor and push for passage of the Fudge/Granger Resolution.

The OAC’s support was also communicated to the senior health policy staff in the First Lady’s Office, in hopes that First Lady Michelle Obama will incorporate the Resolution into her comprehensive efforts to fight childhood obesity.

OAC CALL TO ACTION:

We Encourage Each and Every OAC Member to Visit the OAC Legislative Action Center to Help Pass this Resolution

Visit:

www.capwiz.com/obesityaction/home

OAC members can be involved in helping to pass the Fudge/Granger Resolution. We encourage each OAC member to become actively involved in this effort to pass the Resolution.

To assist you in this grassroots campaign, we have posted an alert and sample letter that you can access on the OAC’s

Legislative Action Center. Please visit the Action Center at www.capwiz.com/obesityaction/home and urge your legislators to co-sponsor the Fudge/Granger Resolution to designate the month of September as “Childhood Obesity Awareness Month.”

All it takes is a few easy clicks on the Legislative Action Center and you are on your way to helping pass this Resolution!

Organizations Supporting the Designation of the Month of September as “Childhood Obesity Awareness Month”

*American College of Sports Medicine
American Diabetes Association
American Dietetic Association
American Heart Association
American Medical Group Association
American Sleep Apnea Association
American Society of Bariatric Physicians
American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery
American Society for Nutrition
Amerinet
BET Foundation
Black Women’s Health Imperative
Campaign to End Obesity
Canyon Ranch Institute
Center for Science in the Public Interest*

*Children’s Health Fund
Children’s National Medical Center
Children Now
COSHAR Foundation
First Focus
HealthCorps
Intl. Health, Racquet, and Sportsclub Association
Medical Fitness Association
National Association of Children’s Hospitals
National Association of Chronic Disease Directors
National Association of School Nurses
Natl. Association for Sport and Physical Education
National Family Caregivers Association
National Football League (NFL)
Natl. Football League (NFL) Players Association*

*National Indian Health Board
National Latina Health Network
National League of Cities
National Medical Association
Obesity Action Coalition
Obesity Society
Partnership for Prevention
Richard Simmons’ Ask America PE Crusade
ShapeUp America
STOP Obesity Alliance
Trust for America’s Health
U.S. Preventive Medicine, Inc.
Voices for America’s Children
YMCA of the USA
YWCA USA*

List as of 12/14/09



ABOUT THE OBESITY ACTION COALITION (OAC)

The Obesity Action Coalition (OAC) is a National non-profit organization dedicated to giving a voice to individuals affected by obesity and helping them along their journey toward better health. Our core focuses are to elevate the conversation of weight and its impact on health, improve access to obesity care, provide science-based education on obesity and its treatments, and fight to eliminate weight bias and discrimination.



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ANNUAL CONVENTION



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PUBLIC EDUCATION

LEARN, CONNECT, ENGAGE

The OAC knows that the journey with weight can be challenging but we also know that great things happen when we learn, connect and engage. That is why the OAC Community exists. Our Community is designed to provide quality education, ongoing support programs, an opportunity to connect, and a place to take action on important issues.

Through the OAC Community, you can get access to:

- Weight & Health Education • Community Blogs
 - Community Discussion Forum
 - Ongoing Support • Meaningful Connections
- AND MUCH MORE**



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