

NATIONAL CELIAC AWARENESS DAY

The third annual Celiac Disease Awareness Day Resolution was passed in September, 2008 by the United States Senate (S.Res. 657). This resolution, again sponsored by Senator James Inhofe of Oklahoma and Senator Ben Nelson of Nebraska, made September 13, 2008 National Celiac Disease Awareness Day. The date of September 13 was chosen because it honors the birthday of Samuel Gee, MD a British physician and pediatrician. Dr. Gee published the first modern description of the clinical picture of celiac disease and is credited with being the first to identify the link between celiac disease and diet. One of Gee's famous quotes on celiac disease is "if the patient can be cured at all, it must be by means of diet." CSA is again working with Senators Inhofe and Nelson to have Dr. Gee's birthday, September 13th, nationally recognized as Celiac Awareness Day. CSA personally encourages you to contact your United States Senators and encourage them to co-sponsor this important resolution which helps to increase national awareness of celiac disease.



Dr. Samuel Gee

IDEAS FOR HOW TO CELEBRATE CELIAC AWARENESS DAY

- **Sponsor a party complete with gluten-free cake.**
- **Contact your local newspaper, television and radio stations inquiring about a story on Samuel Gee.**
- **Have a gluten-free baking contest.**
- **Talk to a local class telling them about Samuel Gee and his contribution to medicine.**
- **Create a display in a public library, clinic or shopping area and promote Dr. Gee's 170th birthday!**

SUGGESTED WEB SITES REGARDING SAMUEL GEE

Information regarding the life and work of Samuel Gee can be found at:

<http://osiris.sunderland.ac.uk/~cs0rel/hist.htm>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samuel_Gee

http://www.coeliac.co.uk/coeliac_disease/68.asp

<http://www.whonamedit.com/doctor.cfm/1312.html>

http://www.aim25.ac.uk/cgi-bin/search2?coll_id=7101&inst_id=8