

# Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE  
RESOLUTION NO. 1039

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A Resolution relating to roadway safety, especially during the Memorial Day Holiday Weekend.

WHEREAS, the Memorial Day Holiday is a time for families and friends to gather for celebrations and to honor the sacrifices made by others so that we may enjoy the blessings of our freedoms and our liberty; and

WHEREAS, historically there are more motor-vehicle-related accidents and motor-vehicle-related fatalities associated with the higher volume of traffic on the state highways, the interstate highway system and the turnpike system during the Memorial Day Holiday; and

WHEREAS, during the 2019 Memorial Day Holiday in the state, there were 436 motor-vehicle-related accidents which resulted in two fatalities; and

WHEREAS, during the 2019 Memorial Day Holiday in the state, 11% of the total accidents investigated involved the use of alcohol; and

WHEREAS, the law enforcement personnel for the State of Oklahoma, including the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, county sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, municipal law enforcement officers and other law enforcement personnel, always have a high level of responsibility, but are to be recognized especially for their service and contributions during holidays such as the Memorial Day Holiday; and

WHEREAS, all drivers should demonstrate proper respect for law enforcement officers as they perform the valuable service of

preserving peace and order in the state, the counties, cities and towns not only on Memorial Day but throughout the year and their personal safety is a matter of great concern to us all; and

WHEREAS, the reasonable use of motor vehicles during the Memorial Day Holiday will help protect the safety of our entire law enforcement community; and

WHEREAS, it is in the collective best interest for the citizens of the State of Oklahoma and others who are sharing the roads, highways, interstates and turnpikes to observe posted speed limits, to operate motor vehicles with proper care and caution, and to exercise good judgment based on prevailing weather conditions, road conditions and the changing circumstances of vehicle traffic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the 2021 Memorial Day Holiday should be a time to enjoy the blessings of freedom and liberty which have been secured through the sacrifices made by so many by their military service and other services performed on behalf of the United States of America and the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the 2021 Memorial Day Holiday should be a reminder that the exercise of freedom carries with it the responsibility to behave in a reasonable manner and to exercise due caution when operating any motor vehicle and especially when operating motor vehicles at higher speeds.

THAT it is in the collective best interest of all Oklahomans and the residents of other states or other jurisdictions who are also traveling as part of the celebration of Memorial Day that motor vehicles be operated safely and wisely and that nothing interfere with the exercise of good judgment by all drivers who are responsible not only for their own safety but the safety of their passengers and the safety of all persons using the transportation system within the State of Oklahoma.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 27th day of May,  
2021.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

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