

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1039

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8 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 WHEREAS, all drivers should demonstrate proper respect for law
10 enforcement officers as they perform the valuable service of
11 preserving peace and order in the state, the counties, cities and
12 towns not only on Memorial Day but throughout the year and their
13 personal safety is a matter of great concern to us all; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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