

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

4   HOUSE  
5   RESOLUTION 1039

                                  By: Kerbs

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7                                   AS INTRODUCED

8                   A Resolution designating April 17, 2024, as the 25th  
9                   Annual 4-H Day at the Capitol.

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12           WHEREAS, the youth of Oklahoma and the nation represent the  
13   future, and their development is paramount to the well-being and  
14   prosperity of communities across the country; and

15           WHEREAS, for a quarter of a century, this annual celebration of  
16   4-H Day at the Capitol provides an opportunity for club members to  
17   share their 4-H stories with state leaders; and

18           WHEREAS, 4-H is the youth development component of the Oklahoma  
19   State University Extension geared toward young people ages 5 to 19;  
20   and

21           WHEREAS, for nearly 120 years, 4-H has helped thousands of club  
22   members develop life skills such as leadership, decision-making,  
23   time management and civic engagement; and

1       WHEREAS, programming in 4-H is changing continually to meet the  
2 needs of today's youth; and

3       WHEREAS, the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development Program reinforces  
4 the learn-by-doing philosophy through hands-on, experiential  
5 learning opportunities; and

6       WHEREAS, 4-H reaches more than 175,850 participants each year  
7 through membership, project clubs and school enrichment; and

8       WHEREAS, OSU Extension and Langston University 4-Hers  
9 participate in STEM, civic engagement, healthy living, leisure  
10 sciences, natural resources and agriculture programs; and

11       WHEREAS, dedicated and committed volunteers, mentors and  
12 supporters play a pivotal role in the success of the organization;  
13 and

14       WHEREAS, youth who participate in 4-H are four times more likely  
15 to make contributions to their communities; and

16       WHEREAS, there are nearly 1,200 adult volunteer leaders who  
17 serve as mentors and provide leadership while fostering positive  
18 adult/youth partnerships; and

19       WHEREAS, there are more than 400 youth volunteers who develop  
20 life skills by serving as mentors/role models and provide leadership  
21 to club members; and

22       WHEREAS, 4-H provides programming beyond traditional  
23 agricultural projects, including food and nutrition, horticulture,  
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1 photography, robotics, community development, companion animals and  
2 more; and

3 WHEREAS, youth participating in 4-H are encouraged to share with  
4 state leaders how 4-H is making communities better through project  
5 work and service learning activities; and

6 WHEREAS, adult volunteer leaders and club members combined  
7 annually contribute more than 100,000 volunteer hours to the  
8 betterment of Oklahoma; and

9 WHEREAS, 4-H members continue to work together and follow the  
10 motto to "Make the Best Better" in all that they do; and

11 WHEREAS, the annual Oklahoma 4-H Day at the Capitol provides an  
12 opportunity to share with state leaders the positive impact they  
13 have on their communities, counties and state.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
15 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

16 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby proclaims  
17 April 17, 2024, as the 25th Annual 4-H Day at the Capitol in  
18 Oklahoma, celebrating youth who have made an impact on the community  
19 and who are stepping up to the challenges of a complex and changing  
20 world, and continuing to share the positive impact Oklahoma 4-H has  
21 on our youth, our communities and our state because "We Are Oklahoma  
22 4-H".

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24 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.