

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 7

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution proclaiming April 5, 2023, as the 24th annual 4-H Day at the Capitol.

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

WHEREAS, for 115 years, 4-H has helped thousands of club members develop life skills, such as leadership, decision-making, and civic engagement. 4-H reaches nearly 92,781 participants annually through membership, project clubs, and school enrichment; and

WHEREAS, programming in 4-H is changing continually to meet the needs of today's youth, and extends beyond traditional agricultural projects, including food and nutrition, horticulture, photography, robotics, community development, companion animals, and more; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development Program reinforces the learn-by-doing philosophy through hands-on learning opportunities. With a focus on health, nearly 29,000 youth have been reached through healthy living programs. More than 11,400 club

1 members, as part of OSU Extension and Langston University,
2 participate in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM)
3 projects. Nearly 9,600 youth have participated in environmental
4 education programs. With agriculture being the backbone of
5 Oklahoma, more than 46,380 youth contacts were made through
6 agricultural programming; and

7 WHEREAS, 4-H participants are four times more likely to make
8 contributions to their communities. These students strive to
9 improve the quality of life for all Oklahomans; and

10 WHEREAS, there are nearly 1,600 adult volunteer leaders who
11 provide leadership and foster a positive adult/youth partnership.
12 Another 400 youth volunteers help develop life skills by serving as
13 mentors and role models and provide leadership to club members; and

14 WHEREAS, adult volunteer leaders and club members combined
15 annually contribute more than 100,000 volunteer hours to the
16 betterment of Oklahoma; and

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

20 WHEREAS, 4-H members continue to work together and follow the
21 motto "To Make the Best Better" in all that they do.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
23 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

1 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate proclaims April 5, 2023, as the
2 24th annual 4-H Day at the Capitol, celebrating youth who have made
3 an impact on the community and who are stepping up to the challenges
4 of a complex and changing world, and continuing to share the
5 positive impact Oklahoma 4-H has on our youth, our communities, and
6 our state because "We are Oklahoma 4-H".

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