

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 1003

By: Kannady of the House

5 and

6 Rosino of the Senate

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Concurrent Resolution mourning the loss of  
10 Oklahomans due to COVID-19; expressing condolences to  
11 those who have lost friends and family and asking for  
12 prayers on behalf of all Oklahomans impacted by the  
13 pandemic.

14 WHEREAS, Oklahoma's first major public health challenge occurred  
15 just 11 years after statehood, in 1918, with the outbreak of the  
16 state's first cases of what was commonly called the Spanish  
17 influenza, a pandemic that had already been rampant in Europe; and

18 WHEREAS, between October 1, 1918, and April 1, 1919, a reported  
19 7,350 Oklahomans died of Spanish influenza and related secondary  
20 infections; and

21 WHEREAS, just over 100 years later on March 6, 2020, Oklahoma  
22 once again was impacted by a global pandemic, with the state's first  
23 case of COVID-19 announced by Governor Kevin Stitt, the Oklahoma  
24 State Department of Health and the Tulsa Health Department; and

1       WHEREAS, the state's first COVID-19 death occurred on March 18,  
2 2020; and

3       WHEREAS, nearly three years later, the death toll has approached  
4 nearly 18,000 Oklahoma parents, grandparents, children, friends and  
5 co-workers.

6       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
7 OF THE 1st SESSION OF THE 59th OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
8 CONCURRING THEREIN;

9       THAT the Oklahoma Legislature joins the citizens of this state  
10 in mourning those lives lost.

11       THAT the Oklahoma Legislature expresses its deepest condolences  
12 to all who have lost friends and loved ones.

13       THAT the Oklahoma Legislature asks for continuing prayers for  
14 all who have been impacted by the pandemic.

15       Adopted by the House of Representatives the 6th day of March,  
16 2023.

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