

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public buildings and public works;
8 providing for display of the national motto in
9 certain state buildings; authorizing certain entities
10 to provide legal defense; providing for meaning of
11 display; providing for codification; and providing an
12 effective date.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 334 of Title 61, unless there is
16 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall
18 display the national motto of the United States in a prominently
19 visible location in all state buildings. The placement and size of
20 the display shall be in keeping with the placement and size of the
21 display of the national motto in the United States Capitol Visitor
22 Center in a manner proportional to the state building where the
23 display is placed. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services
24 shall be directly responsible for the provisions of this act,
including any related expenses.

1 B. In the event that the legality or constitutionality of the
2 display is challenged in a court of law, the Oklahoma Attorney
3 General is hereby authorized to prepare and present a legal defense
4 of the display.

5 C. The display of the national motto shall not be construed to
6 mean that the State of Oklahoma favors any particular religion or
7 denomination thereof over others.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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