

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

4 HOUSE BILL 2085

                                  By: McCall, O'Donnell and  
                                  **Bashore**

8                                   AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

18                   A.   The Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall  
19                   display the national motto of the United States in a prominently  
20                   visible location in all state buildings.   The placement and size of  
21                   the display shall be in keeping with the placement and size of the  
22                   display of the national motto in the United States Capitol Visitor  
23                   Center in a manner proportional to the state building where the  
24                   display is placed.   The Office of Management and Enterprise Services

1 shall be directly responsible for the provisions of this act,  
2 including any related expenses.

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

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

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

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12 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON STATES RIGHTS, dated 02/10/2021 -  
13 DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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