

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1015

By: Osborn of the House

and

Marlatt of the Senate

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7 A Concurrent Resolution designating February 16,  
8 2016, Water Appreciation Day at the State Capitol;  
9 encouraging recognition of the value and significance  
10 of water resources; and directing distribution.

11 WHEREAS, Oklahoma's water is a unique and precious resource that  
12 binds all Oklahomans to a rich past and promising future; and

13 WHEREAS, Oklahoma has 1,400 square miles of water in lakes and  
14 ponds, 320 million acre-feet of water stored in its major aquifers,  
15 and 167,000 miles of rivers and streams, making it a state abundant  
16 in water resources. No natural resource is as vital to the welfare  
17 of Oklahoma as clean, accessible water, of which more than 1.5  
18 trillion gallons are used every day throughout the state; and

19 WHEREAS, the proper care and management of water is vital to  
20 Oklahoma due to its value to public health, industry and commerce,  
21 aquatic and wildlife species, and vibrant tourism industry in  
22 Oklahoma; and

23 WHEREAS, the 2012 Update of the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water  
24 Plan (OCWP) remains unprecedented in its review of the state's

1 current and future water demands, water and wastewater  
2 infrastructure needs and priority water management issues; and

3 WHEREAS, several legislative initiatives have arisen from the  
4 recommendations contained in the OCWP to guide the management and  
5 protection of Oklahoma's water resources for the next fifty years  
6 and beyond, including the passage of House Bill 3055 in 2012 which  
7 created the Water For 2060 Act and made Oklahoma the first state in  
8 the nation to establish a bold, statewide goal of consuming no more  
9 fresh water in 2060 than was consumed in 2012 while preserving  
10 Oklahoma's population growth and economic development goals; and

11 WHEREAS, on October 6, 2015, the Water for 2060 Advisory Council  
12 submitted its final report of recommendations for achieving the goal  
13 established under the Water for 2060 Act; and

14 WHEREAS, the dedicated public servants of the Oklahoma Water  
15 Resources Board are passionate about their mission of protecting and  
16 enhancing the quality of life for Oklahomans by managing and  
17 improving the state's water resources to ensure clean and reliable  
18 water supplies, a strong economy and a safe and healthy environment.  
19 That dedication and passion has resulted in the agency recently  
20 being awarded one of The Oklahoman's Top Workplaces for the third  
21 consecutive year.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
23 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
24 CONCURRING THEREIN:

1        THAT the Oklahoma Legislature designates February 16, 2016 as  
2 "Water Appreciation Day" at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

3        THAT the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes the importance of water  
4 interests to the State of Oklahoma and urges all Oklahoma citizens  
5 to respect the value and significance of the water resources in  
6 Oklahoma.

7        THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Executive  
8 Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board for distribution to  
9 the state environmental agencies and organizations participating in  
10 "Water Appreciation Day" at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

11        Adopted by the House of Representatives the 16th day of  
12 February, 2016.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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