

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1012

By: Park

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution proclaiming April 5, 2017, to be 4-H Day
10 at the Capitol in Oklahoma.

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13 WHEREAS, 4-H is the youth component of the Cooperative Extension
14 Service and has based its programming on the philosophy of "learning
15 by doing" since the initiation of the program in Oklahoma in 1908;
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17 WHEREAS, the 4-H program is geared toward young people between
18 the ages of 5 and 19 and is the largest youth organization in the
19 world; and

20 WHEREAS, youth around the state strive daily to improve the
21 quality of life within their counties and work to make Oklahoma
22 communities better for all citizens; and

23 WHEREAS, 4-H is actively engaged in helping its members create
24 the best future possible by developing valuable life skills such as

1 self-esteem, leadership and citizenship they will carry on
2 throughout all aspects of their lives; and

3 WHEREAS, 4-H is continually meeting the ever-changing needs of
4 today's youth; and

5 WHEREAS, youth involved in 4-H are led by nearly 19,000 caring
6 adults whose generosity of time helps club members develop courage,
7 confidence, determination and entrepreneurship within themselves;
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9 WHEREAS, 4-H programming involves science, technology,
10 engineering and math opportunities while still honoring its century-
11 old agricultural roots; and

12 WHEREAS, club members are two times more likely to be civically
13 active and four times more likely to make contributions to their
14 communities; and

15 WHEREAS, club members are encouraged to share with our state
16 leaders how 4-H is making communities better through 4-H project
17 work and service learning activities; and

18 WHEREAS, more than 157,000 Oklahoma youth are reached through 4-
19 H programming, through club membership, project clubs and school
20 enrichment programs; and

21 WHEREAS, volunteer leaders and Oklahoma 4-H members combined
22 annually contribute more than 137,000 volunteer hours of service,
23 valued at a \$2.9 million contribution back to their communities and
24 state; and

1 WHEREAS, 4-H members, as part of the Oklahoma Cooperative
2 Extension Service provided by Oklahoma State University and Langston
3 University, continue to work together to follow the 4-H motto of "To
4 Make the Best Better" in all communities across the state.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
6 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

7 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby proclaims April 5, 2017,
8 the 21st annual 4-H Day at the Capitol in Oklahoma which celebrates
9 youth who have made an impact on the community and are stepping up
10 to the challenges of a complex and changing world, and continues to
11 share the positive impact Oklahoma 4-H has on our youth, our
12 communities and our state.

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