

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

4 HOUSE  
5 RESOLUTION 1055

By: Pae

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8                                   AS INTRODUCED

9                   A Resolution recognizing March 29, 2022, as Anti-  
10                   Hunger Day in Oklahoma; praising the work of the  
11                   Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma and Regional  
12                   Food Bank of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

13                   WHEREAS, nearly fifteen percent (15%) of Oklahoma households  
14                   experienced hunger in 2020, ranking the state behind Mississippi,  
15                   West Virginia, Louisiana; and

16                   WHEREAS, for more than forty (40) years, the Community Food Bank  
17                   of Eastern Oklahoma and the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma (the  
18                   Oklahoma Food Banks) have led the charge to provide nutritious food  
19                   and pathways to self-sufficiency for Oklahomans facing hunger,  
20                   becoming the state's largest domestic hunger-relief nonprofit  
21                   organizations; and

22                   WHEREAS, the majority of people served by the Oklahoma Food  
23                   Banks are chronically hungry children, seniors living on fixed  
24                   incomes, post-secondary learners working to build skills for the

1 workforce, and hardworking families struggling to make ends meet;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, through their networks of more than two thousand  
4 (2,000) community-based partner agencies and schools across all  
5 seventy-seven (77) counties in Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Food Banks  
6 collectively distributed nearly one hundred million (100,000,000)  
7 pounds of food to Oklahomans from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021,  
8 which were record amounts from previous years; and

9 WHEREAS, for every dollar (\$1.00) donated, Oklahoma Food Banks  
10 help provide the equivalent of four (4) meals for food-insecure  
11 Oklahomans; and

12 WHEREAS, ninety-six cents (\$0.96) of every dollar (\$1.00)  
13 donated goes toward programming, food purchases, and serving  
14 neighbors; and

15 WHEREAS, in the years leading up to 2020, there was evidence  
16 that the Oklahoma Food Banks were making strides in the fight  
17 against hunger in the state. However, the economic impact of the  
18 COVID-19 pandemic eliminated progress made in food insecurity rates  
19 across the country including in Oklahoma; and

20 WHEREAS, as the state continues to recover from the pandemic,  
21 the Oklahoma Food Banks will be on the frontlines working to make  
22 Oklahoma food secure.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
24 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

1        THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes March 29,  
2 2022, as Anti-Hunger Day in Oklahoma.

3        THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives praises the work of  
4 the Oklahoma Food Banks for their dedication in helping address  
5 hunger.

6        THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Community Food  
7 Bank of Eastern Oklahoma Chief Executive Officer Calvin A. Moore and  
8 Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma Chief Executive Officer Stacy  
9 Dykstra.

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11 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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