

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 7

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7 A Concurrent Resolution declaring 2020 as the "Year
8 of the Bible" in Oklahoma; recognizing the unique
9 contribution the Bible has made in shaping the United
10 States; acknowledging that biblical teachings
11 inspired concepts contained in the Declaration of
12 Independence and the Constitution of the United
13 States; recognizing that many presidents paid tribute
14 to the influence of the Bible; and stating that a
15 renewal of knowledge and faith in God through
16 scripture can strengthen the state.

17 WHEREAS, the Bible, the word of God, has made a unique
18 contribution in shaping the United States as a distinctive and
19 blessed nation and people; and

20 WHEREAS, deeply held religious convictions springing from the
21 Holy Scriptures led to the early settlement of our nation; and

22 WHEREAS, Biblical teachings inspired concepts of civil
23 government that are contained in our Declaration of Independence and
24 the Constitution of the United States; and

25 WHEREAS, many of our great national leaders, among them
26 Presidents Washington, Jackson, Lincoln, and Wilson, paid tribute to
27 the surpassing influence of the Bible in our country's development,

1 as in the words of President Jackson that the Bible is "the rock on
2 which our Republic rests"; and

3 WHEREAS, the history of our nation clearly illustrates the value
4 of voluntarily applying the teachings of the Scriptures in the lives
5 of individuals, families, and societies; and

6 WHEREAS, this state and nation now face great challenges that
7 will test us as we have never been tested before; and

8 WHEREAS, renewing our knowledge of and faith in God through Holy
9 Scripture can strengthen us as a state, nation and a people.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
11 OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 CONCURRING THEREIN:

13 That the Oklahoma Legislature hereby authorizes and requests the
14 Governor, Executive branch and all subdivisions of this state to
15 designate 2020 as the "Year of the Bible" in the State of Oklahoma
16 in recognition of both the formative influence the Bible has been
17 for our state, and our national need to study and apply the
18 teachings of the Holy Scriptures.

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