

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 46

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution recognizing February 25, 2016, as Hunger
8 Action Day in Oklahoma; commending the effort to
9 combat hunger in the state; and directing
10 distribution.

11 WHEREAS, 656,000 Oklahomans have inconsistent access to food,
12 including 59,200 children who are at risk of going to bed hungry
13 each night; and

14 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma is committed to assisting those
15 who face each day unsure from where their next meal will come,
16 including families who depend on programs such as SNAP and WIC; and

17 WHEREAS, together the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma and the
18 Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma distribute almost 70 million
19 pounds of food annually, which creates more than 57 million meals
20 distributed each year. Combined, the food banks and their community
21 partners provide enough food to feed more than 160,000 Oklahomans
22 each week; and

23 WHEREAS, the sixth annual Feeding Oklahoma Drive raised \$301,159
24 and 1.3 million pounds of food to be used in preparing almost 2.6

1 million meals to help combat hunger throughout Oklahoma communities;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, state leaders and elected officials, in conjunction
4 with civic and community leaders, concerned for the well-being of
5 all Oklahomans, stand united in their common goal of ensuring no one
6 will go hungry despite their situation or circumstance.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
8 OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

9 THAT February 25, 2016, be commemorated as Hunger Action Day in
10 Oklahoma.

11 THAT the continued commitment by the Regional Food Bank of
12 Oklahoma, the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, and other
13 state and civic leaders to combat hunger throughout the state will
14 remain strong and focused.

15 THAT a copy of this Resolution be distributed to Regional Food
16 Bank of Oklahoma Executive Director Rodney W. Bivens, and Community
17 Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma Executive Director Eileen Bradshaw.

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