

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 56

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution proclaiming April 6, 2016 to be the 20th
8 Annual 4-H Day at the State Capitol.

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10 WHEREAS, 4-H is the youth component of the Cooperative Extension
11 Service and has based its programming on the philosophy of "learning
12 by doing" since the initiation of the program in Oklahoma in 1908;
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14 WHEREAS, the 4-H program is geared toward young people between
15 the ages of 5 and 19 and helping them create their future by
16 developing valuable life skills such as self-esteem, leadership and
17 citizenship they will carry on throughout all aspects of their
18 lives; and

19 WHEREAS, 4-H addresses issues facing today's youth no matter
20 where they live - rural communities, suburbs or inner cities; and

21 WHEREAS, youth involved in 4-H are led by caring adults whose
22 generosity of time helps club members develop courage, confidence,
23 determination and entrepreneurship within themselves; and
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1 WHEREAS, 4-H programming continues to evolve in order to meet
2 the ever-changing needs of today's youth, while still honoring its
3 roots of agricultural-related programming; and

4 WHEREAS, club members are encouraged to share with our state
5 leaders what the 4-H organization has grown in them; and

6 WHEREAS, 4-H youth across this great state and nation continue
7 to make a difference in their cities and towns by volunteering their
8 service and being civically active; and

9 WHEREAS, educational, engaging, fun and student-centered
10 programs are available through traditional clubs, project clubs and
11 school enrichment programs; and

12 WHEREAS, volunteer leaders and Oklahoma 4-H members combined
13 annually contribute more than 135,000 volunteer hours of service,
14 valued at a \$2.5 million contribution back to their communities and
15 state; and

16 WHEREAS, 4-H has programs on food and nutrition, science and
17 technology, natural resources, substance abuse prevention, growing
18 plants, caring for farm animals, career education, community pride,
19 citizenship and leadership; and

20 WHEREAS, 4-H members continue to work together to follow the 4-H
21 motto of "To Make the Best Better" in all communities across the
22 state; and

23 WHEREAS, 4-H is part of the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension
24 Service provided by Oklahoma State University and Langston

1 University, where youth are twice as likely to participate in
2 science, engineering and computer technology programs.

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

5 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate hereby proclaims April 6, 2016,
6 the 20th Annual 4-H Day at the Capitol in Oklahoma, celebrating
7 youth who have made an impact on the community and are stepping up
8 to the challenges of a complex and changing world, and continuing to
9 share "What 4-H Grows."

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