

SHORT TITLE: Declaring the week following the Labor Day Holiday as "Senior Citizen Week" in the State of Oklahoma; distribution.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 44th Legislature (1994)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 058

By: Taylor of the Senate

and

Steidley of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution declaring the week after the Labor Day Holiday of each year as "Senior Citizen Week" in the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, there are 568,458 persons sixty years of age or older in the State of Oklahoma. This population has increased 12% since 1980. Of this number, 71,416 are eighty-five years of age or older. This population has increased 34% since 1980; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, a total of 81,079 senior citizens participated in some kind of aging services program such as nutrition and social services, geriatric day care, or home maintenance assistance; and

WHEREAS, twenty-three volunteer projects provided program activities in 52 Oklahoma counties with more than 10,000 senior volunteers in 1993. These include the Retired Senior Volunteer Program with more than 9,500 volunteers sharing lifetime skills with their communities; the Foster Grandparent Program with 430 volunteers providing support to 1,030 children and youth with special or exceptional needs; and Senior Companion Program with 200 volunteers providing companionship to 580 older persons with special needs who cannot afford to pay for personal services furnished by the volunteers; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of senior advocacy groups within the State of Oklahoma, including the State Council on Aging whose composition and policies are designed to champion the needs and

issues confronting older Oklahomans and to accomplish more fully the objectives of the federal Older Americans Act; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma's Senior Citizen community represents an enormous resource of personal experience plus energy and vigor which are being utilized for the betterment of all of Oklahoma's citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the week following the Labor Day Holiday of each year be designated as "Senior Citizen Week" in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Pearl Golden, Editor of "Senior World"; the Special Unit on Aging of the Department of Human Services; the State Council on Aging; and the Oklahoma Alliance on Aging.

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