

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 39 By: Harrison

A Resolution recognizing the importance of range management in the State of Oklahoma; proclaiming the month of October as Range Management Month in the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma rangelands occupy an estimated 14.5 million acres of land area; and

WHEREAS, rangeland supports a renewable natural resource, range vegetation; and

WHEREAS, proper management of range resources provides forage and habitat for both livestock and wildlife by converting energy from the sun in combination with soil, water and nutrients to produce food and fiber; and

WHEREAS, livestock production is a vital part of the economy of the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, proper management of range resources according to ecological principles protects the soil, water and air quality which is the foundation of all life, both plant and animal; and

WHEREAS, properly managed rangelands protect watersheds, recharge aquifers, and reduce sediment, ensuring quality water for both rural and urban users; and also provide recreation, beauty, solitude, and other aesthetic values; and

WHEREAS, properly managed rangelands will enhance a stable environment, dependable food and fiber production, a stable economic base, and recreational opportunities, which will result in a high quality of life for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes the importance of range management in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the month of October is hereby declared Range Management Month in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and the Secretary of Environment.

Adopted by the Senate the 20th day of March, 1996.

President of the Senate