

ENROLLED SENATE  
CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 83

By: Henry of the Senate

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A Concurrent Resolution supporting the consumer education activities of the organization known as Oklahoma Seniors Against Fraud; calling for the Governor, the Attorney General, and the state's district attorneys to give high priority to enforcement of laws intended to defend and protect citizens against telemarketing fraud; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, although most telemarketing firms are legitimate, the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation suggests that ten percent (10%) may be engaged in fraudulent activities; and

WHEREAS, estimates of the amounts that are in effect stolen by such fraudulent activities are as high as Forty Billion Dollars (\$40,000,000,000.00) per year; and

WHEREAS, although senior citizens are most often the targets of telemarketing scams, everyone is a potential victim; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the restrictions placed on telemarketing by state and federal laws, there is a pressing need to alert seniors to the risks and to their rights; and

WHEREAS, a statewide campaign known as Oklahoma Seniors Against Fraud (OK-SAF) has been formed by seniors for seniors; and

WHEREAS, OK-SAF is a broad-based campaign using the cooperative efforts of organizations and agencies all across this state to work together to inform seniors and other consumers on how to detect telemarketing fraud, how to avoid telemarketing fraud, and what to do if victimized; and

WHEREAS, education and empowerment of seniors will, over time, reduce the risk of victimization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Legislature supports and commends the ongoing activities of Oklahoma Seniors Against Fraud to offer consumer education to aid detection of telemarketing fraud and victimization.

THAT the Legislature recommends and urges the Governor of Oklahoma, the Attorney General, and the district attorneys of this state to give high priority to enforcement of the laws that are intended to defend and protect the citizens of this state against telemarketing fraud.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Governor of Oklahoma, the Attorney General, and the Executive Coordinator of the District Attorneys Council.

Adopted by the Senate the 13th day of April, 2000.

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President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 24th day of May, 2000.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives