

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1022

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution designating February 13,
8 2012, Water Appreciation Day at the State Capitol;
9 encouraging recognition of the value and significance
10 of water resources; and directing distribution.

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12 WHEREAS, Oklahoma's water is a unique and precious resource that
13 binds all Oklahomans to a rich past and promising future; and

14 WHEREAS, Oklahoma has 1,400 square miles of water in lakes and
15 ponds, 320 million acre-feet of water stored in its major aquifers,
16 and 167,000 miles of rivers and streams, making it a state abundant
17 in water resources. No natural resource is as vital to the welfare
18 of Oklahoma as clean, accessible water, of which more than 1.5
19 trillion gallons are used every day throughout the state; and

20 WHEREAS, the proper care and management of water is vital to
21 Oklahoma due to its value to public health, industry and commerce,
22 aquatic and wildlife species, and vibrant tourism industry in
23 Oklahoma; and

1 WHEREAS, the 2012 Update of the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water
2 Plan, formally presented to the Oklahoma Legislature on February 13,
3 2012, is unprecedented in its scope and significance and will serve
4 as the primary guide for the management and protection of Oklahoma's
5 water resources for the next 50 years and beyond.

6 WHEREAS, last year the Financial Assistance Programs of the
7 Oklahoma Water Resources Board, the principal water and wastewater
8 infrastructure financing mechanism for the state, exceeded the two-
9 billion-six-hundred-million-dollar milestone in approved loans and
10 grants to Oklahoma communities and water systems by leveraging over
11 \$150,000,000.00 in 2011 to underwrite construction of 50 water and
12 wastewater projects, resulting in more than \$60,000,000.00 in
13 savings to Oklahoma communities.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
15 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
16 CONCURRING THEREIN:

17 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature, recognizing the importance
18 of water interests to the State of Oklahoma, designates February 13,
19 2012, "Water Appreciation Day" at the Oklahoma State Capitol and
20 urges all Oklahoma citizens to respect the value and significance of
21 the water resources in Oklahoma.

22 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Executive
23 Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board for distribution to
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1 the state environmental agencies and organizations participating in
2 "Water Appreciation Day" at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

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