

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1005

By: Armes, Banz, Bennett, Biggs, Billy, Blackwell, Brown, Brumbaugh, Cannaday, Casey, Christian, Cleveland, Cockroft, Condit, Coody, Cooksey, Cox, Dank, Denney, Derby, DeWitt, Dorman, Echols, Enns, Fisher, Floyd, Fourkiller, Glenn, Grau, Hall, Hamilton, Hardin, Henke, Hickman, Hoskin, Hulbert, Inman, Jackson, Johnson, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Kirby, Kouplen, Lockhart, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), Matthews, McBride, McCall, McCullough, McDaniel (Curtis), McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McNiel, McPeak, Moore, Morrissette, Mulready, Murphey, Nelson, Newell, Nollan, O'Donnell, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Perryman, Peterson, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett, Quinn, Renegar, Reynolds, Ritze, Roberts (Dustin), Roberts (Sean), Rousselot, Russ, Sanders, Schwartz, Scott, Sears, Shannon, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Smalley, Stiles, Thomsen, Trebilcock, Turner, Vaughan, Virgin, Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, Williams, Wood and Wright of the House

and

Justice of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution designating March 19, 2013, Water Appreciation Day at the State Capitol; encouraging recognition of the value and significance of water resources; and directing distribution.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the 2012 Update of the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan is unprecedented in its study of the current and future water demands, water and wastewater infrastructure needs and priority water management issues of the state and the legislative initiatives arising from the Plan will guide the management and protection of Oklahoma's water resources for the next 50 years and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the financial assistance programs of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, the principal water and wastewater infrastructure financing mechanism for the state, will soon exceed the three-billion-dollar milestone in approved loans and grants to Oklahoma communities and water systems, resulting in more than one billion dollars in savings to Oklahoma communities since the inception of the programs in 1983.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature, recognizing the importance of water interests to the State of Oklahoma, designates March 19, 2013, "Water Appreciation Day" at the Oklahoma State Capitol and urges all Oklahoma citizens to respect the value and significance of the water resources in Oklahoma.

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

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 19th day of March, 2013.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 19th day of March, 2013.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this _____
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