

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 HOUSE
4 RESOLUTION 1039

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution urging Governor Mary Fallin to issue an
9 order requesting the release of monies from the
10 Constitutional Reserve Fund to provide assistance
11 during the propane shortage emergency; and directing
12 distribution.

13 WHEREAS, more than 400,000 Oklahomans rely on propane to warm
14 their homes, prepare food, and provide warmth for their families;
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16 WHEREAS, many Oklahomans depend on propane to support their
17 livelihoods and for economic security; and

18 WHEREAS, the price of propane has risen rapidly from \$1.80 per
19 gallon to approximately \$5.00 per gallon for Oklahoma families; and

20 WHEREAS, at least 22 states are experiencing a critical propane
21 shortage threatening the viability of small businesses and
22 endangering the health, safety, and welfare of millions of citizens;
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1 WHEREAS, several states across the nation have released state
2 funds in order to assist families dealing with the propane shortage;
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4 WHEREAS, despite the declaration of a State of Emergency by
5 Governor Fallin, no assistance has been given directly to Oklahoma
6 families to help them overcome the propane crisis; and

7 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Constitution provides for the release of
8 state funds from the Constitutional Reserve, or "Rainy Day", Fund
9 for declared States of Emergency; and

10 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature has been diligent in investing
11 in the Constitutional Reserve Fund for such emergencies; and

12 WHEREAS, the Constitutional Reserve Fund has been used for
13 similar state emergencies such as the tornado outbreak which
14 occurred in the state in 2013; and

15 WHEREAS, waiting to take action would be irresponsible and
16 dangerous to thousands of Oklahomans' lives and it would show a deep
17 lack of compassion which Oklahoma's elected leaders, when elected,
18 are expected to exhibit.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
20 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

21 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives urges Governor Mary
22 Fallin to extend support to rural Oklahomans and thousands of small
23 businesses in Oklahoma during this emergency created by the propane
24 shortage by issuing an executive order declaring a State of

1 Emergency and requesting the release of funds from the
2 Constitutional Reserve Fund in order to provide assistance to
3 families, children and businesses in need because of the propane
4 shortage.

5 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Governor Mary
6 Fallin.

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