

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 30

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution declaring May 1, 2015, as Law Day in the
8 State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

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10 WHEREAS, Law Day was conceived by the late Hicks Epton, a Wewoka
11 attorney and past president of the Oklahoma Bar Association.

12 President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day nationally by
13 presidential proclamation in 1958. On this occasion, he said, "It
14 is fitting that the American People should remember with pride and
15 vigilantly guard the great heritage of liberty, justice, and quality
16 under law. It is our moral and civil obligation as free men and as
17 Americans to preserve and strengthen that great heritage."; and

18 WHEREAS, the first of May was set aside in 1961 by a Joint
19 Resolution of Congress as a "special day of celebration by the
20 American people in appreciation of their liberties and the
21 reaffirmation of their loyalty to the United States of America" and
22 as an occasion for "rededication to the ideals of equality and
23 justice under laws"; and
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1 WHEREAS, this year's theme for National Law Day is "Magna Carta:
2 Symbol of Freedom Under Law". Magna Carta has come to embody a
3 simple but enduring truth that no one, no matter how powerful, is
4 above the law. Since Magna Carta was sealed in 1215, it has taken
5 root as an international symbol of the rule of law and as an
6 inspiration for many basic rights Americans hold dear today,
7 including due process, habeas corpus, trial by jury, and the right
8 to travel; and

9 WHEREAS, 2015 marks the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta. It is
10 fitting on Law Day to commemorate this "Great Charter of Liberties"
11 and rededicate ourselves to advancing the principal of "rule of law"
12 in this country and around the world.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
14 OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

15 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate declares May 1, 2015, as Law Day
16 in the State of Oklahoma.

17 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to David Poarch,
18 President of the Oklahoma Bar Association.

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