Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2

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A Resolution recognizing the importance of hunger relief efforts; designating February 15, 2017, as Hunger Action Day in Oklahoma.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is one of the hungriest states in the nation, with more than 650,000 Oklahomans who are at risk of hunger, including one in four children whose capacity to learn and grow is threatened; and

WHEREAS, Tulsa ranks in the top 25 and Oklahoma City ranks in the top 50 U.S. metropolitan areas for the highest rates of food hardship, with one in five residents reporting they did not have enough money to buy needed food over a 12-month period; and

WHEREAS, hunger affects and diminishes the lives of everyone in the community and can cause physical, mental and social impairments; and

WHEREAS, last year the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma and the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma distributed enough food to provide more than 64 million meals, the majority of which were distributed to children, seniors living on fixed incomes and working families who simply cannot make ends meet; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma provides essential nutritional support to millions of low-income people through the administration of numerous federal food assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, all citizens can help participate in hunger relief efforts in their communities by donating food and money, volunteering and supporting public policies aimed at reducing hunger.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes the importance of hunger relief efforts across the state.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate declares February 15, 2017, as Hunger Action Day in Oklahoma.

Adopted by the Senate the 15th day of February, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

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