

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

4   HOUSE  
5   RESOLUTION 1012

By: Park

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8                               AS INTRODUCED

9                   A Resolution proclaiming April 5, 2017, to be 4-H Day  
10                  at the Capitol in Oklahoma.

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13               WHEREAS, 4-H is the youth component of the Cooperative Extension  
14   Service and has based its programming on the philosophy of "learning  
15   by doing" since the initiation of the program in Oklahoma in 1908;  
16   and

17               WHEREAS, the 4-H program is geared toward young people between  
18   the ages of 5 and 19 and is the largest youth organization in the  
19   world; and

20               WHEREAS, youth around the state strive daily to improve the  
21   quality of life within their counties and work to make Oklahoma  
22   communities better for all citizens; and

23               WHEREAS, 4-H is actively engaged in helping its members create  
24   the best future possible by developing valuable life skills such as

1 self-esteem, leadership and citizenship they will carry on  
2 throughout all aspects of their lives; and

3 WHEREAS, 4-H is continually meeting the ever-changing needs of  
4 today's youth; and

5 WHEREAS, youth involved in 4-H are led by nearly 19,000 caring  
6 adults whose generosity of time helps club members develop courage,  
7 confidence, determination and entrepreneurship within themselves;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, 4-H programming involves science, technology,  
10 engineering and math opportunities while still honoring its century-  
11 old agricultural roots; and

12 WHEREAS, club members are two times more likely to be civically  
13 active and four times more likely to make contributions to their  
14 communities; and

15 WHEREAS, club members are encouraged to share with our state  
16 leaders how 4-H is making communities better through 4-H project  
17 work and service learning activities; and

18 WHEREAS, more than 157,000 Oklahoma youth are reached through 4-  
19 H programming, through club membership, project clubs and school  
20 enrichment programs; and

21 WHEREAS, volunteer leaders and Oklahoma 4-H members combined  
22 annually contribute more than 137,000 volunteer hours of service,  
23 valued at a \$2.9 million contribution back to their communities and  
24 state; and

1 WHEREAS, 4-H members, as part of the Oklahoma Cooperative  
2 Extension Service provided by Oklahoma State University and Langston  
3 University, continue to work together to follow the 4-H motto of "To  
4 Make the Best Better" in all communities across the state.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
6 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

7 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby proclaims April 5, 2017,  
8 the 21st annual 4-H Day at the Capitol in Oklahoma which celebrates  
9 youth who have made an impact on the community and are stepping up  
10 to the challenges of a complex and changing world, and continues to  
11 share the positive impact Oklahoma 4-H has on our youth, our  
12 communities and our state.

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