

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1024

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution proclaiming Hunger Action Day in
9 Oklahoma; encouraging Oklahomans to join in the fight
10 against hunger and to support programs and policies
11 that reduce hunger.

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14 WHEREAS, Oklahoma is one of the hungriest states in the nation,
15 with more than 632,000 Oklahomans who are at risk of hunger,
16 including one in four children whose capacity to learn and grow is
17 threatened; and

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

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

1 WHEREAS, last year the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma and the
2 Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma distributed more than 1.2
3 million meals every week, the majority of which was distributed to
4 children, seniors living on fixed incomes and hard-working families
5 who cannot make ends meet; and

6 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma provides essential nutrition
7 support to low-income people through the administration of numerous
8 federal nutrition assistance programs; and

9 WHEREAS, all citizens of the United States can help participate
10 in hunger-relief efforts in their communities by:

- 11 1. Making financial and food donations;
- 12 2. Volunteering; and
- 13 3. Supporting public policies aimed at reducing hunger.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
15 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

16 THAT February 14, 2018, is hereby proclaimed to be Hunger Action
17 Day in Oklahoma.

18 THAT all Oklahomans are encouraged to join in the fight against
19 hunger by supporting Oklahoma's charitable community and by offering
20 their continued support of programs and public policies that reduce
21 hunger and food insecurity in the State of Oklahoma.

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23 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.
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