

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 2

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, last year the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma and the
23 Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma distributed enough food to
24 provide more than 64 million meals, the majority of which were

1 distributed to children, seniors living on fixed incomes and working
2 families who simply cannot make ends meet; and

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

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

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

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

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

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