

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1012

By: Park

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, 4-H is actively engaged in helping its members create the best future possible by developing valuable life skills such as self-esteem, leadership and citizenship they will carry on throughout all aspects of their lives; and

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

3 WHEREAS, youth involved in 4-H are led by nearly 19,000 caring
4 adults whose generosity of time helps club members develop courage,
5 confidence, determination and entrepreneurship within themselves;
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7 WHEREAS, 4-H programming involves science, technology,
8 engineering and math opportunities while still honoring its century-
9 old agricultural roots; and

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, 4-H members, as part of the Oklahoma Cooperative
24 Extension Service provided by Oklahoma State University and Langston

1 University, continue to work together to follow the 4-H motto of "To
2 Make the Best Better" in all communities across the state.

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

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

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