

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT
5 RESOLUTION 1013

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing November 30,
10 2020, as World Equality Day.

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12 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives and the Senate of Oklahoma
13 are pleased to acknowledge November 30, 2020, as World Equality Day;
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15 WHEREAS, on that day, the Sikh community will celebrate the Five
16 Hundred and Fifty-first Birthday of Guru Nanak, the esteemed founder
17 of Sikhism, which counts nearly thirty million adherents throughout
18 the world and roughly one million devotees in the United States; and

19 WHEREAS, the Sikh community, which traces its origins back to
20 the State of Punjab in the Republic of India, began immigrating to
21 this country more than one hundred years ago, and since then, Sikhs
22 have played a vital role in the growth and vitality of our nation
23 and in the prosperity and success of Oklahoma, which has been
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1 forever enriched by the diversity of its residents and the climate
2 of social tolerance that has sustained us throughout history; and

3 WHEREAS, a holistic understanding of peace, supported by the
4 ideas of equality and fraternity, is an integral part of the Sikh
5 tradition, a movement that strives to conquer communal hatred and
6 division by following the sacred teachings of Guru Nanak and his
7 tenets of honest work, charity, and reverence to God; and

8 WHEREAS, a spiritual thinker and religious innovator, Guru Nanak
9 denounced the caste system and instead preached about the common
10 bonds shared by all of humanity, and his timeless message of
11 equality among all men and women, regardless of class, creed, and
12 gender, is to be remembered not only on the anniversary of his birth
13 but for all the days to come.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
15 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
16 CONCURRING THEREIN:

17 THAT this Legislature hereby recognizes November 30, 2020, as
18 World Equality Day and urges all Oklahomans to participate fittingly
19 in the observation.

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21 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.
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