

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 1013

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AS INTRODUCED

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

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives and the Senate of Oklahoma
are pleased to acknowledge November 30, 2020, as World Equality Day;
and

WHEREAS, on that day, the Sikh community will celebrate the Five
Hundred and Fifty-first Birthday of Guru Nanak, the esteemed founder
of Sikhism, which counts nearly thirty million adherents throughout
the world and roughly one million devotees in the United States; and

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

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

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

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

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

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