

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1056

By: Pae

A Resolution recognizing March 29, 2022, as Anti-Hunger Day in Oklahoma; praising the work of the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma and Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, for more than forty (40) years, the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma and the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma (the Oklahoma Food Banks) have led the charge to provide nutritious food and pathways to self-sufficiency for Oklahomans facing hunger, becoming the state's largest domestic hunger-relief nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the majority of people served by the Oklahoma Food Banks are chronically hungry children, seniors living on fixed incomes, post-secondary learners working to build skills for the workforce, and hardworking families struggling to make ends meet; and

WHEREAS, through their networks of more than two thousand (2,000) community-based partner agencies and schools across all seventy-seven (77) counties in Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Food Banks collectively distributed nearly one hundred million (100,000,000) pounds of food to Oklahomans from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, which were record amounts from previous years; and

WHEREAS, for every dollar (\$1.00) donated, Oklahoma Food Banks help provide the equivalent of four (4) meals for food-insecure Oklahomans; and

WHEREAS, ninety-six cents (\$0.96) of every dollar (\$1.00) donated goes toward programming, food purchases, and serving neighbors; and

WHEREAS, in the years leading up to 2020, there was evidence that the Oklahoma Food Banks were making strides in the fight against hunger in the state. However, the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic eliminated progress made in food insecurity rates across the country including in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, as the state continues to recover from the pandemic, the Oklahoma Food Banks will be on the frontlines working to make Oklahoma food secure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes March 29, 2022, as Anti-Hunger Day in Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives praises the work of the Oklahoma Food Banks for their dedication in helping address hunger.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma Chief Executive Officer Calvin A. Moore and Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma Chief Executive Officer Stacy Dykstra.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 30th day of March, 2022.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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