

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1056

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8 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

19 WHEREAS, the majority of people served by the Oklahoma Food
20 Banks are chronically hungry children, seniors living on fixed
21 incomes, post-secondary learners working to build skills for the
22 workforce, and hardworking families struggling to make ends meet;
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1 WHEREAS, through their networks of more than two thousand
2 (2,000) community-based partner agencies and schools across all
3 seventy-seven (77) counties in Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Food Banks
4 collectively distributed nearly one hundred million (100,000,000)
5 pounds of food to Oklahomans from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021,
6 which were record amounts from previous years; and

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

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

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

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

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

23 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes March 29,
24 2022, as Anti-Hunger Day in Oklahoma.

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

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

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9 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.
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