

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE
4 RESOLUTION 1054

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7 AS INTRODUCED

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

12 WHEREAS, Oklahoma has the fourth highest food insecurity rate in
13 the nation according to the USDA, and consistently ranks as one of
14 the highest for child food insecurity, and among the top ten
15 nationwide for food insecurity among adults and seniors, meaning
16 these individuals lack consistent access to enough food for an
17 active healthy life; and

18 WHEREAS, nearly fifteen percent (15%) of Oklahoma households
19 experienced hunger in 2020, ranking the state behind Mississippi,
20 West Virginia, Louisiana; and

21 WHEREAS, for more than forty (40) years, the Community Food Bank
22 of Eastern Oklahoma and the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma (the
23 Oklahoma Food Banks) have led the charge to provide nutritious food
24 and pathways to self-sufficiency for Oklahomans facing hunger,

1 becoming the state's largest domestic hunger-relief nonprofit
2 organizations; and

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

8 WHEREAS, through their networks of more than two thousand
9 (2,000) community-based partner agencies and schools across all
10 seventy-seven (77) counties in Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Food Banks
11 collectively distributed nearly one hundred million (100,000,000)
12 pounds of food to Oklahomans from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021,
13 which were record amounts from previous years; and

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

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

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

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

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

6 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes March 29,
7 2022, as Anti-Hunger Day in Oklahoma.

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

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

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