

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE
4 RESOLUTION 1055

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

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

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

3 WHEREAS, through their networks of more than two thousand
4 (2,000) community-based partner agencies and schools across all
5 seventy-seven (77) counties in Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Food Banks
6 collectively distributed nearly one hundred million (100,000,000)
7 pounds of food to Oklahomans from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021,
8 which were record amounts from previous years; and

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

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

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

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

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

1 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes March 29,
2 2022, as Anti-Hunger Day in Oklahoma.

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

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

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