

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 16

By: Treat

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution memorializing the 26th anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing; remembering victims; thanking first responders; encouraging "Oklahoma Standard"; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma City experienced the most horrific act of domestic terrorism in American history at 9:02 a.m. on April 19, 1995. The bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building took the lives of 168 people including 19 children and 3 state employees. Hundreds more were injured; and

WHEREAS, 2021 marks the 26th anniversary of our state's darkest hour, and the duty we have to ensure the lives lost are never forgotten; and

WHEREAS, the 25th anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing was mourned from home as the Memorial was closed and Oklahoma City issued a shelter in place order to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, the annual Run to Remember marathon attracts more than 25,000 runners from around the world to help remember those killed

1 in the 1995 bombing as well as benefit the Oklahoma City National
2 Memorial & Museum; and

3 WHEREAS, while the 2020 Run to Remember was held virtually out
4 of caution, runners rallied and participation levels astounded event
5 organizers. However, they knew it still was not the same and chose
6 to move this year's race back to October, so runners could return to
7 the streets of Oklahoma City; and

8 WHEREAS, a new tradition will be introduced, called the Why We
9 Run Weekend Series, with a 5K on Saturday and the full or half
10 marathon on Sunday; and

11 WHEREAS, having been closed during the pandemic, the Oklahoma
12 City National Memorial and Museum has now reopened and will hold the
13 2021 Remembrance Ceremony with attendance limited to family members,
14 survivors and first responders; and

15 WHEREAS, even in the face of the worst pandemic in world
16 history, Oklahoma City and citizens around the state continue to
17 display to the world the unwavering strength, service, honor and
18 kindness of the "Oklahoma Standard".

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
20 OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

21 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate memorializes the 26th anniversary
22 of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.
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1 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate remembers and honors the 168 lives
2 lost, the hundreds injured, and the thousands forever changed, and
3 urges all Oklahomans to do the same on this 26th anniversary.

4 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate extends its gratitude to the many
5 brave souls who rescued and aided survivors, assisted in recovery
6 efforts and those who sought justice in the name of the victims.

7 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate encourages Oklahomans to always
8 uphold and display the "Oklahoma Standard" in all they do just as
9 was done after that tragic day.

10 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma
11 City National Memorial and Museum.

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