

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 7

By: Rosino of the Senate

and

Kannady of the House

6 A Concurrent Resolution mourning the loss of
7 Oklahomans due to COVID-19; expressing condolences to
8 those who have lost friends and family; and asking
9 for prayers on behalf of all Oklahomans impacted by
10 the pandemic.

11 WHEREAS, Oklahoma's first major public health challenge occurred
12 just 11 years after statehood, in 1918, with the outbreak of the
13 state's first cases of what was commonly called the Spanish
14 influenza, a pandemic that had already been rampant in Europe; and

15 WHEREAS, between October 1, 1918, and April 1, 1919, a reported
16 7,350 Oklahomans died of Spanish influenza and related secondary
17 infections; and

18 WHEREAS, just over 100 years later on March 6, 2020, Oklahoma
19 once again was impacted by a global pandemic, with the state's first
20 case of COVID-19 announced by Governor Kevin Stitt, the State
21 Department of Health and the Tulsa Health Department; and

22 WHEREAS, the state's first COVID-19 death occurred on March 18,
23 2020; and
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1 WHEREAS, nearly three years later, the death toll has approached
2 nearly 18,000 Oklahoma parents, grandparents, children, friends and
3 co-workers.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
5 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
6 CONCURRING THEREIN:

7 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature joins the citizens of this
8 state in mourning those lives lost.

9 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature expresses its deepest
10 condolences to all who have lost friends and loved ones.

11 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature asks for continuing prayers
12 for all who have been impacted by the pandemic.

13 Adopted by the Senate the 6th day of March, 2023.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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17 Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
18 2023.

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