

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION 7

By: Rosino of the Senate  
and  
Kannady of the House

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

1       WHEREAS, the state's first COVID-19 death occurred on March 18,  
2 2020; and

3       WHEREAS, nearly three years later, the death toll has approached  
4 nearly 18,000 Oklahoma parents, grandparents, children, friends and  
5 co-workers.

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

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

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

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

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