

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 7

By: Rosino of the Senate

5 and

6 Kannady of the House

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8 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

18 WHEREAS, between October 1, 1918, and April 1, 1919, a reported
19 7,350 Oklahomans died of Spanish influenza and related secondary
20 infections; and

21 WHEREAS, just over 100 years later on March 6, 2020, Oklahoma
22 once again was impacted by a global pandemic, with the state's first
23 case of COVID-19 announced by Governor Kevin Stitt, the State
24 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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