

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 25

By: Dahm of the Senate

and

Echols of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution declaring 2024 as the Year of the Bible in Oklahoma; recognizing the unique contribution the Bible has made in shaping the United States; acknowledging that biblical teachings inspired concepts contained in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States; recognizing that many presidents paid tribute to the influence of the Bible; and stating that a renewal of knowledge and faith in God through scripture can strengthen the state.

WHEREAS, President Ronald Reagan declared 1983 the Year of the Bible; and

WHEREAS, the Bible, the Word of God, has made a unique contribution in shaping the United States as a distinctive and blessed nation and people; and

1 WHEREAS, deeply held religious convictions springing from the
2 Holy Scriptures led to the early settlement of our nation; and

3 WHEREAS, Biblical teachings inspired concepts of civil
4 government that are contained in our Declaration of Independence and
5 the Constitution of the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, many of our great national leaders, among them
7 Presidents Washington, Jackson, Lincoln, and Wilson, have paid
8 tribute to the surpassing influence of the Bible in our country's
9 development, and in the words of President Jackson, the Bible is
10 "the rock on which our Republic rests"; and

11 WHEREAS, the history of our nation clearly illustrates the value
12 of voluntarily applying the teachings of the Holy Scriptures in the
13 lives of individuals, families, and societies; and

14 WHEREAS, this state and nation now face great challenges that
15 will test us as we have never been tested before; and

16 WHEREAS, renewing our knowledge of and faith in God through the
17 Holy Scriptures can strengthen us as a state, a nation, and a
18 people.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
20 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
21 CONCURRING THEREIN:

22 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby authorizes and requests the
23 Governor, Executive branch, and all subdivisions of this state to
24 designate 2024 as the Year of the Bible in the State of Oklahoma in
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1 recognition of the formative influence the Bible has been for our
2 state, and our national need to study and apply the teachings of the
3 Holy Scriptures.

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