

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 32

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution declaring April 17, 2024, as the 25th
annual 4-H Day at the Capitol.

WHEREAS, the youth of Oklahoma and the nation represent the
future, and their development is paramount to the well-being and
prosperity of communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, for a quarter of a century, this annual celebration of
4-H Day at the Capitol has provided an opportunity for club members
to share their 4-H stories with state leaders; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is the youth development component of Oklahoma
State University Extension geared toward young people ages 5 to 19;
and

WHEREAS, for nearly 120 years, 4-H has helped thousands of club
members develop life skills such as leadership, decision-making,
time management, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, programming in 4-H is changing continually to meet the
needs of today's youth; and

1 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development Program reinforces
2 the learn-by-doing philosophy through hands-on, experiential
3 learning opportunities; and

4 WHEREAS, 4-H reaches more than 175,850 participants each year
5 through membership, project clubs, and school enrichment; and

6 WHEREAS, OSU Extension and Langston University 4-H'ers
7 participate in STEM, civic engagement, healthy living, leisure
8 sciences, natural resources, and agriculture programs; and

9 WHEREAS, dedicated and committed volunteers, mentors, and
10 supporters play a pivotal role in the success of the organization;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, youth who participate in 4-H are four times more likely
13 to make contributions to their communities; and

14 WHEREAS, there are nearly 1,200 adult volunteer leaders who
15 serve as mentors and provide leadership while fostering positive
16 adult/youth partnerships; and

17 WHEREAS, there are more than 400 youth volunteers who develop
18 life skills by serving as mentors/role models and provide leadership
19 to club members; and

20 WHEREAS, 4-H provides programming beyond traditional
21 agricultural projects, including food and nutrition, horticulture,
22 photography, robotics, community development, companion animals, and
23 more; and
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1 WHEREAS, youth participating in 4-H are encouraged to share with
2 state leaders how 4-H is making communities better through project
3 work and service-learning activities; and

4 WHEREAS, adult volunteer leaders and club members combined
5 annually contribute more than 100,000 volunteer hours to the
6 betterment of Oklahoma; and

7 WHEREAS, 4-H members continue to work together and follow the
8 motto "To Make the Best Better" in all that they do; and

9 WHEREAS, the annual 4-H Day at the Capitol provides an
10 opportunity to share with state leaders the positive impact they
11 have on their communities, counties, and state.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
13 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

14 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate declares April 17, 2024, as the
15 25th annual 4-H Day at the Capitol.

16 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate celebrates youth who have made an
17 impact on the community and who are stepping up to the challenges of
18 a complex and changing world.

19 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises the positive impact
20 Oklahoma 4-H has on our youth, our communities, and our state.

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