

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 5

By: Pederson and Kirt of the
Senate

and

Patzkowsky of the House

7 A Concurrent Resolution proclaiming April 23, 2025,
8 as the 26th Annual Oklahoma 4-H Day at the Capitol.

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

13 WHEREAS, for a quarter of a century, this annual celebration of
14 4-H Day at the Capitol has provided an opportunity for club members
15 to share their 4-H stories with state leaders; and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, programming in 4-H is changing continually to meet the
23 needs of today's youth; and
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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 180,000 participants each year
5 through membership, project clubs, and school enrichment; and

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

10 WHEREAS, dedicated and committed volunteers, mentors, and
11 supporters play a pivotal role in the success of the organization;
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13 WHEREAS, youth who participate in 4-H are four times more likely
14 to make contributions to their communities; and

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

18 WHEREAS, youth volunteers develop life skills by serving as
19 mentors/role models and provide leadership 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 Oklahoma 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 1ST SESSION
13 OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
14 CONCURRING THEREIN:

15 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby proclaims April 23, 2025,
16 as the 26th Annual Oklahoma 4-H Day at the Capitol, celebrating
17 youth who have made an impact on the community and who are stepping
18 up to the challenges of a complex and changing world, and continuing
19 to share the positive impact Oklahoma 4-H has on our youth, our
20 communities, and our state because "We Are Oklahoma 4-H."

Adopted by the Senate the 23nd day of April, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2025.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives