

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 4

By: Pederson of the Senate
and
Hasenbeck of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution proclaiming April 23, 2025,
as the 26th Annual Oklahoma 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 provides an opportunity for club members to
share their 4-H stories with state leaders; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is the youth development component of the Oklahoma
State University and Langston University Extension programs 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

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

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

6 WHEREAS, 4-H reaches more than 180,000 participants each year
7 through membership, project clubs, and school enrichment; and

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

12 WHEREAS, dedicated and committed volunteers, mentors, and
13 supporters play a pivotal role in the success of the organization;
14 and

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

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

20 WHEREAS, youth volunteers develop life skills by serving as
21 mentors/role models and provide leadership to club members; and

22 WHEREAS, 4-H provides programming beyond traditional
23 agricultural projects, including food and nutrition, horticulture,
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1 photography, robotics, community development, companion animals, and
2 more; and

3 WHEREAS, youth participating in 4-H are encouraged to share with
4 state leaders how 4-H is making communities better through project
5 work and service learning activities; and

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

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

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

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
15 OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
16 CONCURRING THEREIN:

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