

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

3 SENATE  
4 RESOLUTION 27

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution encouraging Oklahomans to celebrate the  
8 250th anniversary of the founding of the United  
9 States by spending 250 minutes in Oklahoma's state  
10 parks.

11 WHEREAS, July 4, 2026, marks the 250th anniversary of the  
12 adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Second  
13 Continental Congress in Philadelphia, signifying the founding of the  
14 United States of America; and

15 WHEREAS, the 250th anniversary of American independence presents  
16 a historic opportunity for reflection, education, and civic  
17 engagement across the nation, including here in the State of  
18 Oklahoma; and

19 WHEREAS, celebrating the founding of this great nation includes  
20 honoring America's God-given natural beauty, vast open spaces, and  
21 public lands that have shaped our national identity and way of life;  
22 and

1           WHEREAS, people with access to local parks and recreation  
2 facilities tend to be more active, reducing sedentary behavior and  
3 leading to lasting lifestyle changes; and

4           WHEREAS, Oklahoma is home to 38 state parks, totaling more than  
5 80,000 acres of unique landscapes that offer families endless  
6 opportunities for outdoor recreation; and

7           WHEREAS, access to nature and outdoor recreation promotes  
8 physical health and mental well-being, and encourages all Oklahomans  
9 to adopt healthier habits.

10           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION  
11 OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

12           THAT the Oklahoma Senate recognizes and commemorates the  
13 upcoming 250th anniversary of American independence.

14           THAT the Oklahoma Senate encourages all Oklahomans to celebrate  
15 America's 250th birthday by spending at least 250 minutes in  
16 Oklahoma state parks this year.

17           THAT the Oklahoma Senate affirms the importance of outdoor  
18 recreation, conservation, and healthy living as part of a renewed  
19 commitment to making Oklahomans healthier for generations to come.

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