Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 30 By: Sparks

A Resolution declaring May 1, 2015, as Law Day in the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Law Day was conceived by the late Hicks Epton, a Wewoka attorney and past president of the Oklahoma Bar Association. President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day nationally by presidential proclamation in 1958. On this occasion, he said, "It is fitting that the American People should remember with pride and vigilantly guard the great heritage of liberty, justice, and quality under law. It is our moral and civil obligation as free men and as Americans to preserve and strengthen that great heritage."; and

WHEREAS, the first of May was set aside in 1961 by a Joint Resolution of Congress as a "special day of celebration by the American people in appreciation of their liberties and the reaffirmation of their loyalty to the United States of America" and as an occasion for "rededication to the ideals of equality and justice under laws"; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for National Law Day is "Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom Under Law". Magna Carta has come to embody a simple but enduring truth that no one, no matter how powerful, is above the law. Since Magna Carta was sealed in 1215, it has taken root as an international symbol of the rule of law and as an inspiration for many basic rights Americans hold dear today, including due process, habeas corpus, trial by jury, and the right to travel; and

WHEREAS, 2015 marks the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta. It is fitting on Law Day to commemorate this "Great Charter of Liberties"

and rededicate ourselves to advancing the principal of "rule of law" in this country and around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate declares May 1, 2015, as Law Day in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to David Poarch, President of the Oklahoma Bar Association.

Adopted by the Senate the 29th day of April, 2015.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 30th day of April, 20 15, at 11:49 o'clock A. M.

By: Lee Ann McNaughton-Hayes