Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1008

By: Kerbs, Crosswhite Hader, and Strom

A Resolution designating April 5, 2023, as the 24th Annual 4-H Day at the Capitol.

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

WHEREAS, for 115 years, 4-H has helped thousands of club members develop life skills such as leadership, decision making and civic engagement; and

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

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

WHEREAS, 4-H reaches nearly 92,781 participants each year through membership, project clubs and school enrichment; and

WHEREAS, youth involved in 4-H strive to improve the quality of life around the state and work to improve Oklahoma communities for the betterment of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, with a focus on health, nearly 29,000 youth were reached through healthy living programs; and

WHEREAS, more than 11,400 club members, as part of OSU Extension and Langston University, participate in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) projects; and

WHEREAS, nearly 9,600 youth have participated in environmental education programs; and

WHEREAS, with agriculture being the backbone of Oklahoma, more than 46,380 youth contacts were made through agricultural programming; and

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

WHEREAS, there are nearly 1,600 adult volunteer leaders who provide leadership and foster a positive adult/youth partnership; and

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby proclaims April 5, 2023, as the 24th Annual 4-H Day at the Capitol in Oklahoma, celebrating youth who have made an impact on the community and who are stepping up to the challenges of a complex and changing world, and continuing to share the positive impact Oklahoma 4-H has on our youth, our communities and our state because "We Are Oklahoma 4-H."

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 5th day of April, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 6th day of April, 20 23, at 9:58 o'clock A M.

By: Brian Bingham