Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 8 By: Kidd

A Resolution declaring April 11, 2023, as Oklahoma Agriculture Day; recognizing and celebrating agriculture's impact on our state's heritage and economy; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, agriculture is one of Oklahoma's leading industries and its associated production, processing, and marketing segments together provide close to 200,000 jobs and contribute more than $28 billion to our state's economy; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma ranks fourth nationally with more than 77,200 farms and ranches, utilizing more than 34 million acres of Oklahoma's rich land to provide food, fiber, and other basic necessities of life to not only Oklahomans, but the nation and world; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is known as the nation's premiere spot for wheat production and research, ranking second for winter wheat bushels harvested annually and third for the total bushels harvested; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is also America's second leading provider of beef cattle with more than two million head and has the third most cattle operations at more than 52,000, featuring over five million beef and milk cattle; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma also ranks as the top provider of rye nationally and is one of the highest producers of soybeans, cotton, poultry, and pork in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, agriculture provides a major source of employment for Oklahoma's workforce with one in 50 jobs supported by the pork

industry and another 30,000 people employed by the poultry industry as just two examples of the vast reach and importance of agriculture in our state; and

WHEREAS, agriculture's success is vital to maintaining the strength of Oklahoma's economy, the standard of living for our citizens, and our presence in the world trade market; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all Oklahomans understand the role that agriculture plays in their daily lives and well-being, whether they live in urban or rural areas.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate declares April 11, 2023, as Oklahoma Agriculture Day at the Capitol.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes and celebrates agriculture's impact on our state's heritage and economy.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Oklahoma Secretary and Commissioner of Agriculture Blayne Arthur.

Adopted by the Senate the 11th day of April, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 12th day of April, 20 23, at 9:20 o'clock A M.

By: Brian Bingman