

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1008

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution designating April 5, 2023, as the 23rd
10 Annual 4-H Day at the Capitol.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, there are more than 400 youth volunteers who develop
20 life skills by serving as mentors/role models and provide leadership
21 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 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

13 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby proclaims
14 April 5, 2022, as the 24th Annual 4-H Day at the Capitol in
15 Oklahoma, celebrating youth who have made an impact on the community
16 and who are stepping up to the challenges of a complex and changing
17 world, and continuing to share the positive impact Oklahoma 4-H has
18 on our youth, our communities and our state because "We Are Oklahoma
19 4-H."

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