

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE BILL 2

By: Dahm

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; requiring certain schools and institutions of higher education to disseminate certain historic proclamations; providing proclamations to be disseminated; providing for manner of dissemination; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-112 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Each school district, public charter school, virtual charter school, career and technology school, and institution of higher education within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education shall disseminate historic proclamations regarding the Thanksgiving holiday. The proclamations shall include:

1. The Proclamation by the Continental Congress for a day of Thanksgiving on December 18, 1777;

2. The First Presidential Prayer Proclamation issued by George Washington for November 26, 1789;

1 3. The Thanksgiving Proclamation issued by President Franklin  
2 D. Roosevelt for November 23, 1944;

3 4. The Thanksgiving Proclamation issued by Ronald Reagan for  
4 November 28, 1985; and

5 5. The Thanksgiving Proclamation issued by Mayor of Oklahoma  
6 City Sidney Clarke for November 28, 1889.

7 B. The proclamations included in subsection A of this act may  
8 be disseminated to students in the following manner:

9 1. One proclamation may be read to students in the classroom or  
10 at a school assembly each of the five days leading up to  
11 Thanksgiving and prior to a school's holiday break;

12 2. Proclamations may be printed and distributed to students  
13 each of the five days leading up to Thanksgiving and prior to a  
14 school's holiday break; or

15 3. Proclamations may be emailed to students each of the five  
16 days leading up to Thanksgiving and prior to a school's holiday  
17 break.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

19 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
20 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby  
21 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
22 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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