

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1006

By: Virgin

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Concurrent Resolution celebrating the twenty-fifth
9 anniversary of the Oklahoma Mesonet; recognizing the
10 importance and necessity of the services provided by
11 the Oklahoma Mesonet.

12 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Mesonet is a partnership between Oklahoma
13 State University and the University of Oklahoma and is operated by
14 the Oklahoma Climatological Survey and funded through legislative
15 appropriation to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to
16 benefit all Oklahomans; and

17 WHEREAS, since 1994 the Oklahoma Mesonet has reliably provided
18 weather observations for the protection of life and property in the
19 face of the harshest of Oklahoma's many weather hazards; and

20 WHEREAS, Oklahoma Mesonet professionals and scientists have
21 trained more than one thousand four hundred fifty Oklahoma emergency
22 managers to smartly use weather information to protect the smallest
23 and largest of Oklahoma's thousands of communities; and

1 WHEREAS, Oklahoma Mesonet professionals and scientists have
2 trained more than one thousand six hundred wildland fire managers on
3 how to apply weather data to wildfire suppression, saving Ninety-
4 five Million Dollars (\$95,000,000.00) in property through quick
5 containment of fires in 2018; and

6 WHEREAS, Oklahoma Mesonet professionals and scientists have
7 worked tirelessly with Oklahoma agriculture growers and producers to
8 measure wet and dry, cold and hot, all to protect crops and
9 livestock through every change in the winds sweeping down the plain;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Oklahoma Mesonet data has been used in over one
12 thousand peer-reviewed science research publications worldwide,
13 contributing new knowledge to our understanding of the dynamic world
14 around us; and

15 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Mesonet has served as the model for
16 weather observation networks in other states and remains the "gold
17 standard" in weather observing networks in the world; and

18 WHEREAS, throughout its twenty-five-year history, use of
19 Oklahoma Mesonet data has resulted in hundreds of millions of
20 dollars in cost savings for its stakeholders and partners in
21 agencies across state government.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
23 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
24 CONCURRING THEREIN:

1 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature celebrates the twenty-fifth
2 anniversary of the Oklahoma Mesonet and recognizes the importance
3 and necessity of the services it provides to the State of Oklahoma.
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