

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1039

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution relating to roadway safety, especially
9 during the Memorial Day Holiday Weekend.

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11 WHEREAS, the Memorial Day Holiday is a time for families and
12 friends to gather for celebrations and to honor the sacrifices made
13 by others so that we may enjoy the blessings of our freedoms and our
14 liberty; and

15 WHEREAS, historically there are more motor vehicle related
16 accidents and motor vehicle related fatalities associated with the
17 higher volume of traffic on the state highways, the interstate
18 highway system and the turnpike system during the Memorial Day
19 Holiday; and

20 WHEREAS, during the 2019 Memorial Day Holiday in the state,
21 there were 436 motor vehicle related accidents which resulted in two
22 fatalities; and

23 WHEREAS, during the 2019 Memorial Day Holiday in the state, 11%
24 of the total accidents investigated involved the use of alcohol; and

1 WHEREAS, the law enforcement personnel for the State of
2 Oklahoma, including the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, county sheriffs,
3 deputy sheriffs, municipal law enforcement officers and other law
4 enforcement personnel, always have a high level of responsibility,
5 but are to be recognized especially for their service and
6 contributions during holidays such as the Memorial Day Holiday; and

7 WHEREAS, all drivers should demonstrate proper respect for law
8 enforcement officers as they perform the valuable service of
9 preserving peace and order in the state, the counties, cities and
10 towns not only on Memorial Day but throughout the year and their
11 personal safety is a matter of great concern to us all; and

12 WHEREAS, the reasonable use of motor vehicles during the
13 Memorial Day Holiday will help protect the safety of our entire law
14 enforcement community; and

15 WHEREAS, it is in the collective best interest for the citizens
16 of the State of Oklahoma and others who are sharing the roads,
17 highways, interstates and turnpikes to observe posted speed limits,
18 to operate motor vehicles with proper care and caution, to exercise
19 good judgment based on prevailing weather conditions, road
20 conditions and the changing circumstances of vehicle traffic.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
22 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

23 THAT the 2021 Memorial Day Holiday should be a time to enjoy the
24 blessings of freedom and liberty which have been secured through the

1 sacrifices made by so many by their military service and other
2 services performed on behalf of the United States of America and the
3 State of Oklahoma.

4 THAT the 2021 Memorial Day Holiday should be a reminder that the
5 exercise of freedom carries with it the responsibility to behave in
6 a reasonable manner and to exercise due caution when operating any
7 motor vehicle and especially when operating motor vehicles at higher
8 speeds.

9 THAT it is in the collective best interest of all Oklahomans and
10 the residents of other states or other jurisdictions who are also
11 traveling as part of the celebration of Memorial Day that motor
12 vehicles be operated safely and wisely and that nothing interfere
13 with the exercise of good judgment by all drivers who are
14 responsible not only for their own safety but the safety of their
15 passengers and the safety of all persons using the transportation
16 system within the State of Oklahoma.

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