

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 13, 2023

3 SENATE BILL NO. 509

By: Matthews, Coleman, and  
Bullard of the Senate

4 and

5 Lowe (Jason) of the House

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8 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Historical Society;  
9 creating the Oklahoma Civil Rights Trail Grant  
10 Program; providing short title; directing certain  
11 board to develop procedures and promulgate rules;  
12 creating the Oklahoma Civil Rights Trail Revolving  
13 Fund; providing for codification; providing an  
14 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 501 of Title 53, unless there is  
18 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Civil  
20 Rights Trail Grant Program".

21 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 502 of Title 53, unless there is  
23 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

24 A. There is hereby created within the Oklahoma Historical  
Society the Oklahoma Civil Rights Trail Grant Program to provide

1 financial assistance for the preservation of the Oklahoma Civil  
2 Rights Trail.

3 B. The Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society  
4 shall develop procedures and promulgate rules to disburse grant  
5 funds.

6 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 503 of Title 53, unless there is  
8 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund  
10 for the Oklahoma Historical Society to be designated the "Oklahoma  
11 Civil Rights Trail Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing  
12 fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of  
13 all monies deposited to the fund by law, as well as gifts,  
14 donations, and private, state, and federal funds. All monies  
15 accruing to the credit of such fund are hereby appropriated and may  
16 be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Historical Society for the  
17 purpose of providing financial assistance for the preservation of  
18 the Oklahoma Civil Rights Trail. Expenditures from such fund shall  
19 be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims  
20 filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of  
21 Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

22 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

23 SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
24 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND WILDLIFE  
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