## Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

By: Jett of the Senate

and

Echols, West (Josh), McBride, and Bashore of the House

A Concurrent Resolution proclaiming November 23, 2024, as Oklahoma Native American Warrior Day; encouraging Oklahomans to participate; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the month of November celebrates Veterans Day and is recognized as Native American Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, the Native American warrior has served the State of Oklahoma with honor, courage, and distinction and made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, during the twentieth century, more than twelve thousand warriors served in World War I and ten thousand Native American women joined the American Red Cross, and over forty-four thousand warriors and eight hundred Native American women served in World War II; and

WHEREAS, since 9/11, Native Americans have served at a higher per capita rate than any other ethnic group; and

WHEREAS, the Force 50 Foundation is leading an effort to honor and celebrate the Native American warrior with several events in November, culminating in a special, nationally recognized event on November 23, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature proclaims November 23, 2024, as Oklahoma Native American Warrior Day, honoring all Native American warriors.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature encourages all Oklahomans and businesses to participate in and support appropriately the efforts of the Force 50 Foundation to make all November events historic and successful.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature encourages the Governor and appropriate state agencies to support this historic project.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to: Governor Kevin Stitt; Coach Barry Switzer, Project Honorary Chairman; former Governor George Nigh, Special Advisor; Governor Bill Anoatubby of the Chickasaw Nation, Special Advisor; and Pete Reed, Project Coordinator.

Adopted by the Senate the 2nd day of May, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 2nd day of May, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the House

of Representatives

## CERTIFICATION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA )

COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA )

I, Paul Ziriax, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Enrolled Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 22 as the same was adopted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature of the State of Oklahoma, the original hereof being on file in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Oklahoma.

WITNESS my hand at the State Capitol this and day of May, 2024.

Secretary of the Senate