

**AMENDING RESOLUTION No. 2025-2273**

**A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AND ADOPT A LIE IN STATE POLICY TO HONOR THE DECEASED WHO HAS SERVED AS A COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIAL, AN ELECTED DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AN APPOINTED PUBLIC DEFENDER, A JUDGE IN OKLAHOMA COUNTY, OR A COUNTY EMPLOYEE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY**

WHEREAS, Lying in State is the tradition in which the body of a deceased official is placed in a state or government building to allow the public to pay their respects; and,

WHEREAS, This Lie in State tradition shall be made available to honor any individual who currently or previously served as an Oklahoma County Elected Official, an Oklahoma County Elected District Attorney or an Oklahoma County Appointed Public Defender; and,

WHEREAS, This Lie in State tradition shall be made available to honor any individual who currently or previously served as a Judge in Oklahoma County; and,

WHEREAS, This Lie in State tradition shall be made available to honor any individual who is a current employee of Oklahoma County and was killed in the line of duty; and,

WHEREAS, This Lie in State tradition shall be made available to honor an individual whose extraordinary and enduring service to County staff, performed where County business is conducted, has resulted in a profound and lasting impact on County operations; and Cleophas (Cleo) Fields is hereby accorded this special recognition in acknowledgment of his outstanding service; and,

WHEREAS, This Lie in State tradition may be accompanied by a brief service to honor and pay homage to the time, service, and contributions the deceased provided to Oklahoma County; and,

WHEREAS, Lying in State traditionally takes place in a major government building of a country, state, city, or county; and,

WHEREAS, Oklahoma County shall provide a space in the atrium on the second-floor of the Oklahoma County Courthouse building, or in the Board of County Commissioners meeting room on the second-floor of the Oklahoma County Annex building for purposes of observing the Lie in State tradition; and,

WHEREAS, The family, estate, or funeral director of the deceased shall coordinate with the County Manager to make arrangements to observe the Lie in State tradition; and,

WHEREAS, The County Manager shall coordinate with the current Presiding Judge, the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, and the Court Administrator to ensure the Lie in State tradition is properly and respectfully observed; and,

WHEREAS, The Lie in State tradition is the highest honor that can be bestowed to an individual from the Board of County Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Oklahoma County hereby recognize, honor, and adopt the Lie in State tradition as a standard practice for such individuals who qualify under the aforementioned guidelines effective this 11th day of June, 2025.

APPROVED this 30th day of July, 2025.

Board of County Commissioners

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Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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Member

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Maressa Treat, County Clerk