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Jake Merrick Launches "Route 66 Run" – A 66-Day Journey Across Oklahoma Dedicated to Faith, Freedom and the Family

Gubernatorial Candidate Embarks on Themed Run to Spotlight Faith, Freedom, Families, and a return to Constitutional Governance

OKLAHOMA CITY – Following the OKGOP Gubernatorial Forum on February 28, Jake Merrick, Republican candidate for Governor, announced the launch of his "Route 66 Run" – a nearly 400 mile– 66-day run across Oklahoma along the historic Route 66, dedicated to Faith, Freedom, Families, and a return to Constitutional Governance. The run, which begins today, spans 10 weeks with each week focused on a specific theme to empower Oklahoma families:

- Week 1: Run for Faith, Freedom, and Families (protecting family freedoms)
- Week 2: Empowering Families Through Education
- Week 3: Safeguarding Our Children (child welfare and DHS reform)
- Week 4: Family Well-Being & Mental/Physical Health
- Week 5: Defending Family Land & Legacy (property rights and land protection)
- Week 6: Feeding Our Families (supporting local farms and producers)
- Week 7: Building Safe Paths for Families (infrastructure, roads, and bridges)
- Week 8: Generational Wealth (eliminating government waste to lower taxes)
- Week 9: Restoring Justice for Families (criminal justice reform)
- Week 10: Powering Family Futures (energy independence)

"Every mile has a purpose, every week has a cause," said Merrick. "This run is about fighting for the families that make Oklahoma strong. From faith and education to rural legacy and economic freedom, we're putting Oklahoma First—one step at a time."

Supporters can follow the journey in real-time via Strava at

<https://www.strava.com/routes/3460006010713377140>, join weekly themed events, and learn more at <https://seejakerun.com/>. The site includes details on themes, updates, and ways to get involved.

Merrick, the only candidate pledged to refuse PAC and special-interest money, emphasized that the run embodies his people-powered campaign: *"No big donors—just Oklahomans uniting for faith, family, and freedom."*

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Contributions are now being accepted from individual Oklahomans at jakemerrickforgovernor.com. Jake refuses every dollar from PACs, corporations, and special-interest groups.