

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, the care and proper management of our natural resources is essential to the quality of life and the future of all Oklahomans as well as Oklahoma's economy; and

Whereas, Conservation Districts are the primary local natural resource connection for the citizens of Oklahoma; and

Whereas, Conservation Districts provide the delivery system for Oklahoma's conservation program through local leadership and representation for the orderly development and coordination of a practical conservation program for natural resources in close cooperation with many agencies and citizens; and

Whereas, the Conservation District program provides educational opportunities for adults and youth; maintains the state's upstream flood control infrastructure; reclaims abandoned coal mine land; manages nonpoint source water quality programs; administers soil and water conservation related cost-share programs; supplies timely information and practical advice on natural resource matters; and attains results that further the conservation and orderly development of our natural resources; and

Whereas, 2007 marks Oklahoma's Statehood Centennial and the 70th Anniversary of the Conservation District Enabling Act;

Now, therefore, I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby declare the week of March 11-17, 2007, as

"Conservation District Week"

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this *twentieth* day of *February*, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and *seven*, and of the State of Oklahoma in the *ninety-ninth* year.

Brad Henry

M. Susan Savage

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

