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DIRECTOR'S
NEWS UPDATE

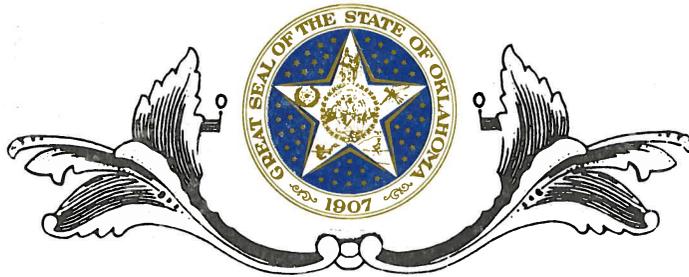


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Public Service Recognition Week – May 1-7, 2011
State Employee Recognition Day – May 4, 2011

Public Service Recognition Week is a time to honor employees who serve in federal, state, county and local government. Public Service Recognition Week provides an opportunity to spotlight contributions made by our employees. Governor Mary Fallin recently signed the attached proclamations in recognition of Public Service Recognition Week and State Employee Recognition Day. The employees of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections have continued to provide outstanding service in a very difficult year. I appreciate all the sacrifices each of you have made and commend you for your dedication, commitment and support of fellow employees. Without your hard work we would be unable to accomplish all the great things that we collectively do.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

"Duplicate"

Whereas, Americans are served every single day by public servants at the federal, state, county and city levels; and

Whereas, these unsung heroes do the work that keeps our nation moving; and

Whereas, many public servants, including military personnel, police officers, firefighters, health care professionals and countless others risk their lives each day in service to the people of Oklahoma and the United States; and

Whereas, public servants include teachers, doctors and scientists, as well as train conductors and astronauts, nurses and safety inspectors, computer technicians and social workers, and countless other occupations; and

Whereas, day in and day out they provide the diverse services demanded by our state government and do so with integrity; and

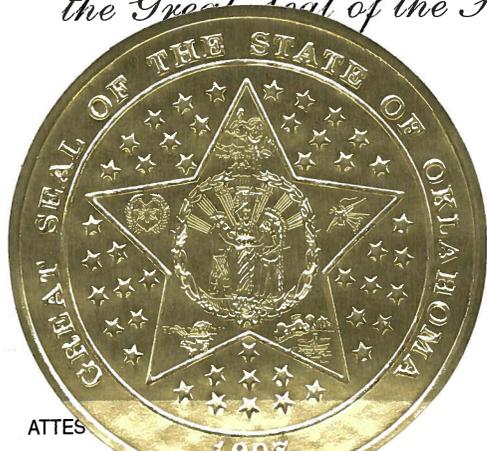
Whereas, without these public servants at every level, continuity would be impossible in a democracy that regularly changes its leaders and elected officials;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim May 1st through May 7th, 2011 as

"Public Service Recognition 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.

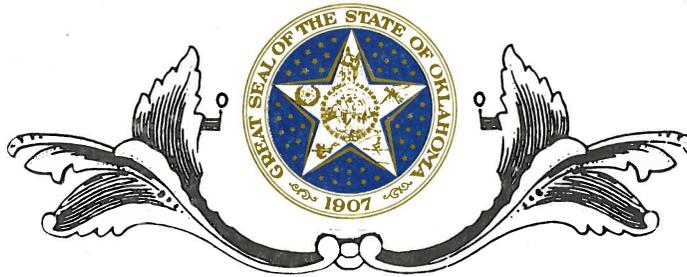


Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 15th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and third year.

Michelle R. Dorn

Mary Fallin

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, Oklahoma state government employees put forth tremendous effort to ensure excellence on the job at all levels of service in such areas as health care, agriculture, conservation, corrections, economic development, education, human services, insurance and financial institution regulation, labor, mental health, natural resources, professional registration, public safety, transportation, and other vital functions; and

Whereas, these dedicated individuals strive daily to perform their jobs with professionalism and integrity and to make government services accessible and responsive to the needs of our citizens; and

Whereas, their work ethic and commitment to the citizens of Oklahoma often continue through volunteer activities outside of official business hours and into retirement years; and

Whereas, it is appropriate to set aside a day during Public Service Recognition Week to honor and recognize all state employees and to provide the general public an opportunity to learn more about their state government and the outstanding employees who serve them; and

Whereas, Oklahoma is privileged to join other states across the nation to express special recognition and gratitude to state employees for their hard work, sacrifices, and unselfish spirit of dedication to the citizens of our state;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2011 as

"State Employee Recognition Day"

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 15th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and third year.



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