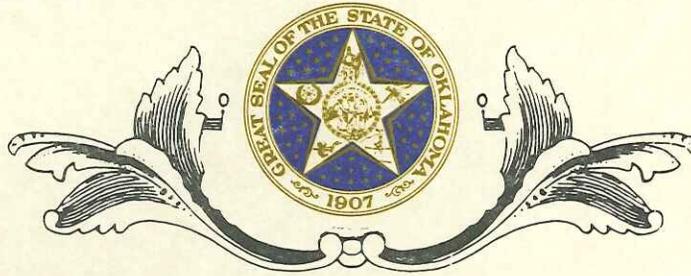


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation's Education Leadership Oklahoma (ELO) was created and funded by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1997 for the express purpose of providing support for teachers who are participating in the National Board Certification Process; and

Whereas, National Board Certification is the highest credential in the teaching profession and is a teacher-driven voluntary process, established by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, certification is achieved through a rigorous, performance-based assessment that takes one to three years to complete and measures what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do; and

Whereas, Oklahoma ranks seventeenth nationwide in the number of new National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT's) and ranks ninth in the total number of teachers (3,056) who achieved certification over time; and

Whereas, Oklahoma NBCT's make up seven percent of the state's teaching force and nearly 58 percent of the state's NBCT's are teaching in Title I eligible schools;

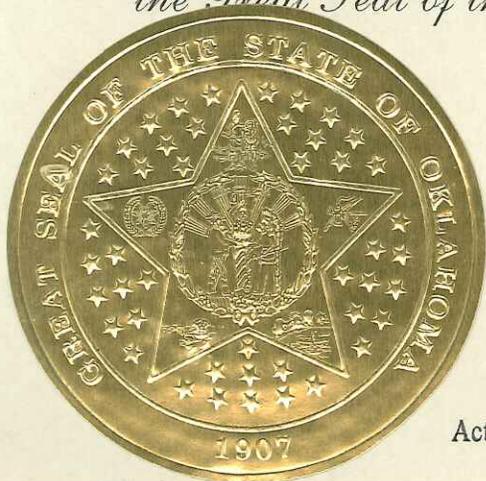
Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2013 as

"National Board Certified Teachers 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 thirteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fifth year.



Acting Assistant

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR