



**STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**

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DATE: April 20, 2006

TO: All Appointing Authorities

FROM: Oscar B. Jackson, Jr., IPMA-CP 
Administrator and Cabinet Secretary for Human Resources
& Administration

**RE: 2006 Public Service Recognition Week
2006 State Employee Recognition Day**

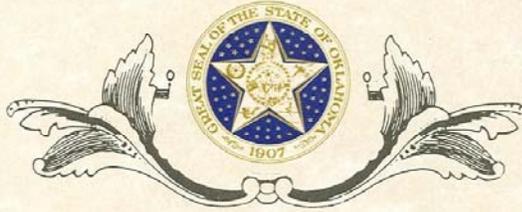
Attached are two proclamations recently signed by Governor Brad Henry. The first is in recognition of **Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW)**, to be celebrated May 1-7, 2006; the second proclaims May 3, 2006, as **State Employee Recognition Day**.

Public Service Recognition Week, celebrated the first Monday through Sunday in May since 1985, is a time set aside each year to honor the men and women who serve America as federal, state and local government employees. President George W. Bush has written, *"Public service is a high calling and an expression of responsible citizenship, and our Nation is deeply indebted to the men and women who devote their lives to careers that serve the public good."*

Please share both proclamations with the employees in your agencies. Additional information regarding Public Service Recognition Week may be accessed via the following link: [Public Employees Roundtable - PSRW](#)

"We serve the people of Oklahoma by delivering reliable and innovative human resource services to our partner agencies to achieve their missions."

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, Americans are served every single day by public servants at the federal, state, county and city levels. These unsung heroes do the work that keeps our nation working; and

Whereas, public employees take not only jobs, but oaths; and

Whereas, many public servant, including military personnel, police officers, firefighters, border patrol officers, embassy employees, health care professionals and others, risk their lives each day in service to the people of the United States and around the world; and

Whereas, public servants include teachers, doctors and scientist... train conductors and astronauts... nurses and safety inspectors... laborers, computer technicians and social workers... and countless other occupations. Day in and day out they provide the diverse services demanded by the American people of their government with efficiency and 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, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim May 1-7, 2006, as

Public Service Recognition Week,

in the State of Oklahoma. All citizens are encouraged to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of government employees at all levels.

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

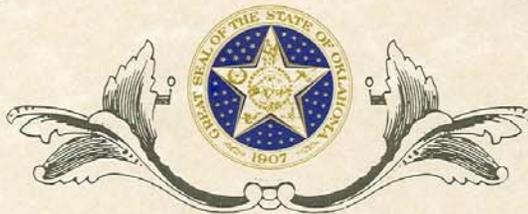


Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 19th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and six, and of the State of Oklahoma in the ninety-eighth year.

M. Susan Savage
SECRETARY OF STATE

Brad Henry
GOVERNOR

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



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Whereas, since 1985, the Public Employees Roundtable (PER), a non-profit, non-partisan coalition of management and professional organizations representing nearly two million public employees, sponsors Public Recognition Week during the first Monday through Sunday in May as a time set aside each year to honor the men and women who serve America as federal, state, and local government employees; and

Whereas, this year's Public Service Recognition Week will be celebrated May 1-7, 2006; and

Whereas, in challenging economic and budget times, dedicated employees of the State of Oklahoma perform their duties with compassion, professionalism and a commitment to those they serve, while continually seeking ways to cut costs and utilize taxpayer resources wisely; and

Whereas, the National Association of State Personnel Executives (NASPE) is the recognized authority on state human resource issues, trends, practices, and policies, and serves as a leader and catalyst for the development of state human resources; and

Whereas, NASPE is dedicated to enhancing the image of state public service and, to that end, has officially endorsed Public Service Recognition Week by requesting that the Governors of all 50 states designate Wednesday, May 3, 2006, as State Employee Recognition Day to honor state employees;

Now Therefore, I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2006, as

State Employee Recognition Day

in the State of Oklahoma. All citizens are encouraged to express appreciation and gratitude to our state employees for their hard work and dedication to public service.

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



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