



**STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**

"Serving Equal Opportunity Employers"

OPM 05-23

DATE: April 21, 2005

TO: All Appointing Authorities

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

RE: **2005 Public Service Recognition Week**
2005 State Employee Recognition Day

Attached are two proclamations recently signed by Governor Brad Henry. One is in recognition of **Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW)**, to be celebrated May 2-8, 2005; the second proclaims May 4, 2005, 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. Throughout the nation and around the world, public employees use the week to educate citizens about the many ways in which government serves the people and how government services improve the quality of life for our citizens.

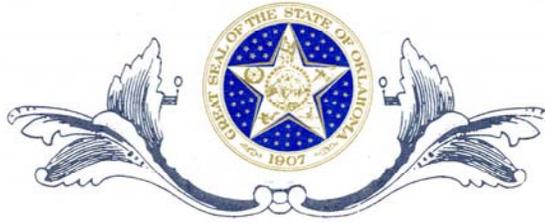
As stated in Governor Henry's State Employee Recognition Day proclamation, *"In challenging economic and budget times, dedicated employees of the State of Oklahoma perform their duties with compassion, professionalism and a commitment to those they serve, while continually seeking ways to cut costs and utilize taxpayer resources wisely. . . and all citizens are encouraged to express appreciation and gratitude to our state employees for their hard work and commitment to public service."*

Please share both proclamations with the employees in your agencies. Additional information regarding Public Service Recognition Week may be accessed at the following website: <http://www.theroundtable.org/psrw.html>.

Attachments (2)

"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, 260 million Americans are served every day by public employees providing a wide range of services; and

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

Whereas, many public employees – police officers, firefighters, border patrol officers, embassy employees, military personnel, health care professionals, and others in all capacities of federal, state, county, and municipal government - risk their lives each day in service to the people of the United States; and

Whereas, public employees include teachers in our schools; nurses to administer vaccines; safety inspectors for power plants, mines, and airplanes; food inspectors to guarantee the safety of our food supplies; laborers to maintain our roads and bridges; transportation employees to see us safely to our destinations; and all others who provide the diverse services demanded by the American people of their federal, state, county, and municipal governments; and

Whereas, without these government employees 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 2 – 8, 2005, as

“Public Service Recognition Week”

in the State of Oklahoma,

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

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



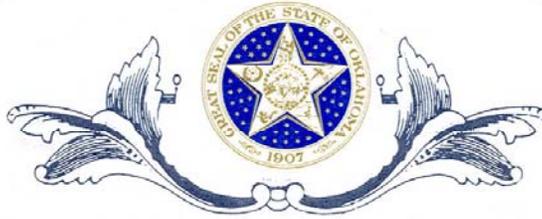
ATTEST:

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma
City, this 18th day of April, in the
Year of Our Lord two thousand and five,
and of the State of Oklahoma in the ninety-seventh
year

M. Susan Savage
SECRETARY OF STATE

Brad Henry
GOVERNOR

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

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, has sponsored Public Service 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 2 – 8, 2005; 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, 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, 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 4, 2005, as State Employee Recognition Day to honor state employees;

Now, Therefore, I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2005, as

“State Employee Recognition Day”

in the State of Oklahoma,

and all citizens are encouraged to express appreciation and gratitude to our state employees for their hard work and commitment 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.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 18th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and five, and of the State of Oklahoma in the ninety-seventh year.

M. Ivan Love
SECRETARY OF STATE

Brad Henry
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: