



Frank Keating
Governor

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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
OF STATE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER 97-09

I, Frank Keating, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, hereby direct the appropriate steps be taken to fly all American flags on State property at half staff until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 15, 1997, to honor the Federal, State, and local officers who were killed in the line of duty.

Law Enforcement officers are true heroes, quietly risking their lives every day to protect our public and private safety. Today, an estimated 587,000 men and women are sworn police officers, working to enforce our Nation's laws and maintain order in our society. As citizens we owe these officers respect for there selfless work they carry out so faithfully all year long.

Last year, 117 Federal, State, and local officers were killed in the line of duty. The loss of any police officer is a tragedy and we must remember these men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives. We must honor their memory by carrying on their crusade to make America a better place.

This executive order shall be forwarded to the Director of the Department of Central Services who shall cause the provisions of this order to be implemented by all appropriate agencies of state government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Frank Keating, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed this 15th day of May, 1997.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Handwritten signature of Frank Keating in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Dawn Amundsen in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State ASSISTANT