



Frank Keating
Governor

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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
OF STATE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER 98-39

I, Frank Keating, Governor of the State of Oklahoma hereby direct the appropriate steps be taken to fly all American and Oklahoma flags on State property at half staff from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 16, 1998, to honor Reverend Wade Watts who died on Sunday, December 13, 1998.

Reverend Watts, an Oklahoma civil rights leader, marched with Martin Luther King Jr. and spent sixteen years as president of the Oklahoma chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Watts served four years on the Oklahoma Crime Commission, was appointed to the Civil Rights Commission under President Johnson and worked as a labor inspector for the Oklahoma Labor Commission. Reverend Watts pastored at churches in Muskogee, Wilburton, Pocola and McAlester. He believed strongly in equality for all people and devoted his life to that cause.

This executive order shall be forwarded to the Director 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 have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City this 16th day of December, 1998.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Keating", written over a horizontal line.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam O'Connell", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State