I, J. Kevin Stitt, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to the power vested in me by Sections 1 and 2 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, hereby establish the Governor’s Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Council (“Council”).

The Council shall consist of between eight (8) and twelve (12) members, who shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at the pleasure of the Governor and the Secretary of Science and Innovation. The Secretary of Science and Innovation shall chair the Council and will select a vice-chair and such other officers as the Council deems appropriate.

The purpose of the Council shall be to review all aspects of STEM and healthcare education in the State of Oklahoma including science, technology, engineering and mathematics and healthcare related subjects and to propose recommendations to the Governor. As part of this process, the Council shall define and periodically review a STEM Education Strategic Plan for the State of Oklahoma, and present such a Plan, and any proposed changes to existing Plans, to the Governor.

Administrative support for the Council including, but not limited to, personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance of the duties and responsibilities of the Council shall be provided by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Council members employed by a state agency shall be reimbursed travel expenses related to their service on the Council as authorized by state law by their respective agency. Legislative members of the Council shall be reimbursed by their respective legislative bodies for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as authorized by state law. Remaining Council members shall be reimbursed travel expenses related to their services on the Council as authorized by state law by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

This Executive Order shall be distributed to the Secretary of Science and Innovation and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, which shall cause the provisions of this Order to be implemented.
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 17th day of September, 2019.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

J. Kevin Stitt

ATTEST:

Michael Rogers, SECRETARY OF STATE