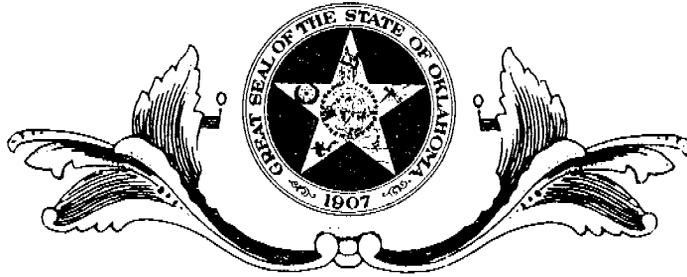


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



FILED

AUG 18 2010

OKLAHOMA SECRETARY  
OF STATE

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

*Whereas, as Oklahoma competes in the global economy of the twenty-first century, our citizens recognize the challenges ahead and accept the responsibility of providing their children with the education and skills that will enable them to compete successfully, as individuals and as a state; and*

*Whereas, the constantly rising costs of higher education continue to out-pace inflation, the rate of increase in public assistance to students and the growth in family income, posing a serious threat to the ability of our citizens to ensure their children's access to postsecondary education; and*

*Whereas, education loans in the United States are burdening college graduates with the responsibility of paying for a college education long after they have completed their education; and*

*Whereas, it is in the state's interest that access to postsecondary education for our children be maintained and that encouraging parents to save for their children's education promotes that public purpose; and*

*Whereas, elected leaders, at both the federal and state levels, need to encourage savings versus borrowing and assisting rather than hindering parents, grandparents, friends, and businesses, as they seek to support the education of children, grandchildren and others in need of help to meet their higher education goals; and*

*Whereas, the State of Oklahoma administers the Oklahoma College Savings Plan as a Section 529 Qualified Tuition Plan through duly enacted laws passed by the state's legislature; and*

*Whereas, the Oklahoma College Savings Plan offers a state income tax deduction of up to \$20,000 per year for its citizens as a recognition of the value of higher education opportunity;*

*Now, therefore, I, Brad Henry, Governor of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the month of September, as*

### *"Oklahoma College Savings Plan Month"*

*in the State of Oklahoma, and I urge our state to recognize the benefit of attaining a higher education and urge the citizens of Oklahoma to begin saving for their children's and grandchildren's education.*

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

38359



*Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this eighteenth day of August, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred second year.*

*M. Susan Love*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Brad Henry*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: