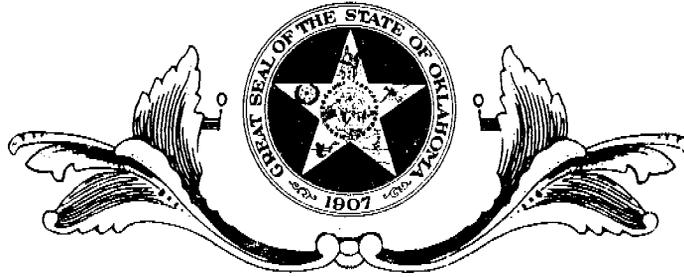


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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Proclamation

Whereas, Eunice Kennedy Shriver founded and was a longtime supporter of the Special Olympics movement; and

Whereas, Eunice Kennedy Shriver was a tireless advocate for millions of people worldwide with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

Whereas, the Special Olympics program is respected around the world as a model and leader in using sports to ensure equal opportunity and acceptance of individuals with intellectual disabilities; and

Whereas, Special Olympics has received worldwide acclaim and recognition due to the work of Eunice Kennedy Shriver; and

Whereas, Eunice Kennedy Shriver was an icon and champion for individuals with disabilities around the world; and

Whereas, Special Olympics has a history of breaking down barriers in sports and social inclusion – causes for which Eunice Kennedy Shriver was a fierce advocate and furthermore her lifetime of leadership continues to provide an example to all of us; and

Whereas, through the dedicated efforts of Eunice Kennedy Shriver, millions of individuals with intellectual disabilities are assured of equal opportunities for community participation, education and opportunities to contribute to our society; and

Whereas, Eunice Kennedy Shriver's actions helped open the minds of all people to the gifts and talents of individuals with intellectual disabilities; and

Whereas, for more than half a century, until her passing in 2009, Eunice Kennedy Shriver was an indomitable champion for those among us who have been neglected and ignored; and

Whereas, Eunice Kennedy Shriver demonstrated that one person could make a difference and change the world leaving a lasting legacy of commitment to improve and transform the lives of the 200 million people worldwide with intellectual disabilities; and

Whereas, September 25, 2010, Special Olympics will lead the world in a celebration of the inspiration, impact and indomitable spirit of Eunice Kennedy Shriver;

Now, therefore, I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2010, as

“Special Olympics Day”

in the State of Oklahoma.

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 Third day of September, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred second year.

M. Susan Large

Brad Henry

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR

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