STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, *the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is conducting its 97th year of volunteer service to America; and*

Whereas, *year after year the organization continues to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by maintaining memorials to their service and sharing their history with our nation; and*

Whereas, *Ladies Auxiliary VFW supports the troops currently deployed in the War on Terrorism; and*

Whereas, *the nearly 600,000 members represent the families of those who have served or are currently on foreign soil protecting our freedom; and*

Whereas, *the Ladies Auxiliary VFW promotes our heritage by conducting an annual ceremony and providing financial assistance for the preservation of this country's most treasured symbol of freedom, the Statue of Liberty; and*

Whereas, *members volunteer nearly 2 million hours in Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and other hospitals throughout this country; and*

Whereas, *the organization provides awards and scholarships to students based on their expressions of patriotism through art, speech, and volunteerism; and*

Whereas, *the 2010-2011 National President, Cortina Barnes, is rallying Ladies Auxiliary members behind her theme, United by Love for our Veterans and Country; and*

Whereas, *January 31 through February 2, 2011 will be a time to celebrate her visit to Oklahoma;*

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, *Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, February 1, 2011 as*

"United by Love for our Veterans and Country Day"

in the State of Oklahoma.

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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 28th *day of* January, *in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and* eleven, *and of the State of Oklahoma in the* one hundred and third year.

ATTEST:

V. Sherman Coffee
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR