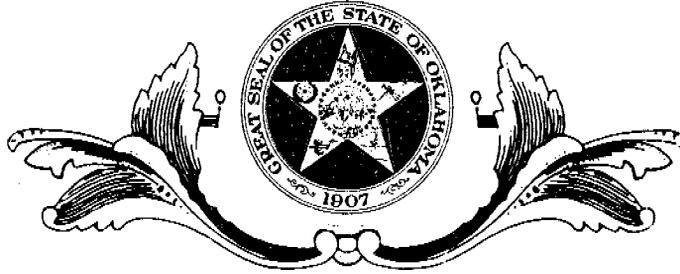


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



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## Proclamation

Whereas, many universities in Oklahoma and hundreds of undergraduate students and faculty pursue undergraduate research each year, providing research opportunities that will shape the trajectory of students' lives and careers and researchers' and institutions' purpose and contributions to academia and the research enterprise; and

Whereas, students and faculty engaged in undergraduate research contribute to research across many disciplines, including the arts and humanities, biology, chemistry, health sciences, geosciences, mathematics, computer science, physics and astronomy, psychology, and social sciences; and

Whereas, research at the undergraduate level provides both students and faculty members opportunities for improving and assessing the research environment at their institution, develops critical thinking, creativity, problem solving, and intellectual independence and promotes an innovation-oriented culture; and

Whereas, undergraduate research is essential to pushing Oklahoma forward by increasing the interest and persistence among young people in the crucial science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines; and

Whereas, undergraduate research best serves the state of Oklahoma's economic, business and educational interests; and

Whereas, the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Oklahoma Research Day represented a greater than 6-fold increase in student and faculty presentations and participants since the first event held in 1999; and

Whereas, undergraduate research helps cultivate the interest of would-be researchers who pursue new aspirations of graduate education after participating in undergraduate research; and

Whereas, the week of April 11, 2011, is nationally recognized as "Undergraduate Research Week" by House Resolution 1654 passed by the United States House of Representatives on November 16, 2010;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim April 11th through 15th, 2011 as

**"Undergraduate Research Week"**

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 18<sup>th</sup> day of Feb. in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and eleven and of the State of Oklahoma in the One hundred and third year.

Mary Fallin

ATTEST:

V. Glenn Coffey  
SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR

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