STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, *it is in the best interest of the State of Oklahoma to encourage full participation of Oklahomans with multi-sensory disabilities in our economy by fostering employment and a rich quality of life; and*

Whereas, *efficient communication, transportation, housing and recreational options and the acceptance of others is critical for people who are deaf-blind to achieve their goals; and*

Whereas, *Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services studies show that Oklahomans, including those who are deaf-blind, who have the opportunity to go to work, eliminate or reduce their dependence on disability benefits and social services as tax-paying citizens and capable employees; and*

Whereas, *it is highly appropriate to publicize the abilities, needs and potential of Oklahomans who are deaf-blind and those with severe vision and hearing impairments and to recognize Helen Keller as a guiding example of courage, hope, determination and achievement for individuals who are deaf-blind;*

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, *Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the week of June 26th through July 2nd, 2011 as*

"Deaf-Blind Awareness 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 23rd *day of* May *, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and* eleven *, and of the State of Oklahoma in the* One hundred and third *year.*

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ATTEST:

Michelle R Day
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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