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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, *native wildlife populations are an integral part of Oklahoma's natural environment, and serve as an indicator for the overall health of Oklahoma's statewide ecosystems; and*

Whereas, *each year in the U.S., more than 200 people are killed in wildlife-vehicle collisions, 26,000 are injured and more than 1.5 million animals are hit on roads; and*

Whereas, *the average cost of property damage from these collisions is over $1 billion, and the total annual cost to society is $8.4 billion; and*

Whereas, *the success of wildlife movement and survival in Oklahoma remains dependent upon continued public education and increased understanding of the essential role migration corridors play in wildlife movement; and*

Whereas, *wildlife watching is one of the most popular outdoor recreational activities for tourists in Oklahoma;*

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, *Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim third week in September, 2011 as*

"Watch Out For Wildlife 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.*

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Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 19th *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.

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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Assistant Michelle R Day
SECRETARY OF STATE