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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, *Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs (SWASAP) will host its 40th Annual Conference on Sunday, November 6 through Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at the Renaissance Hotel located in downtown Oklahoma City. This year's theme is "TRiO: Investing in America's Future"; and*

Whereas, *Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs (SWASAP) is a non-profit, regional association whose purpose is to advance and defend the ideal of educational opportunity for all TRiO eligible individuals. SWASAP provides to its members the guidance and support needed to foster those activities necessary to enable the target population to persist in achieving their educational goals. SWASAP represents the state of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas; and*

Whereas, *TRiO programs provide tutoring and supportive services to students from low income and disadvantaged backgrounds who have reached their secondary education campuses, provide graduate school admission strategies, and research opportunities upon graduation from their undergraduate institution. The programs are designed to identify promising students, prepare them for college work, and provide information on academic and financial opportunities; and*

Whereas, *TRiO programs in the SWASAP region include Educational Talent Search, Upward Bound, Upward Bound in Math and Sciences, Veterans Upward Bound, Educational Opportunity Centers, Student Support Services and the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement. These programs help to provide resources and services to students who have the desire to further their academic careers and achieve their full potential;*

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, *Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the week of November 6th through November 12th, 2011 as*

"SWASAP/TRiO 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 27th *day of* October *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:

Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR