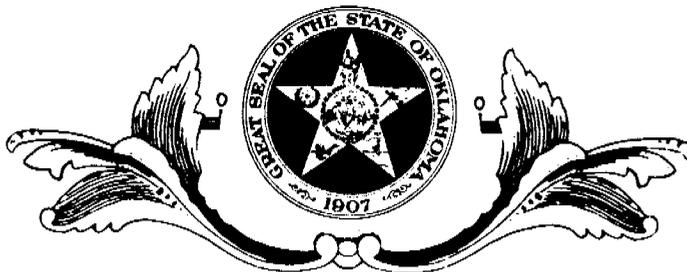


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



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## Proclamation

Whereas, the citizens of Oklahoma recognize that our success depends on helping children succeed in school and reach their full potential in life, and we realize that young people need a solid foundation of support that will help them become well-educated, confident, and productive citizens; and

Whereas, mentoring is a proven, effective strategy that helps children and young adults by matching them with a caring, responsible adult who can provide guidance and direction, and build their confidence; and

Whereas, research shows that mentoring has beneficial and long-term effects on youth by increasing their chances of high school graduation and college attendance and decreasing the likelihood of substance abuse and other risky behaviors; and

Whereas, every-day citizens of Oklahoma are making a profound difference in the lives of our young people by serving as mentors, supported by many private and public sector organizations that offer mentoring opportunities for youth; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, through its David and Molly Boren Mentoring Initiative, promotes the growth and development of quality youth mentoring programs as a positive step toward academic excellence in our state;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2012 as

**"Mentor Month"**

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.



ATTEST:

Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 28th day of December, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fourth year.

*Audrey R. Day*  
Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR

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