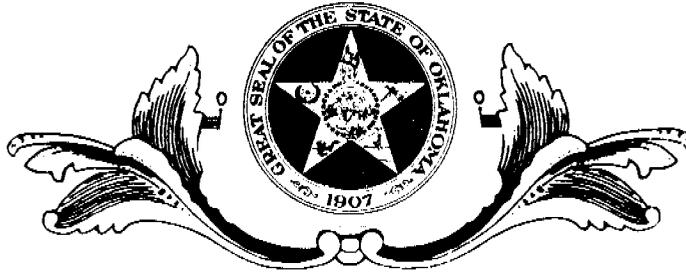


STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, the State of Oklahoma recalls with pain the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake that marks the first anniversary in March, 2012, noting that the variety of communities in this region respond to the occasion arranged by the Consulate-General of Japan for remembrance on March 21, 2012; and

Whereas, with appreciation of the enormous support extended by its people to the people of Japan in the afflicted areas, the State of Oklahoma duly acknowledges the gratitude demonstrated by the Consul-General of Japan to the people of Oklahoma for their reassuring support, which has encouraged the people of Japan to overcome difficulties; and

Whereas, the State of Oklahoma welcomes the report that the recovery of Japan has been progressing steadily and the lives of the Japanese people are returning to a state of normalcy from suffering; and

Whereas, the State of Oklahoma is cognizant of the active undertaking of cooperative relationships between the Sister Cities in the State of Oklahoma and in Japan, such relationship between the City of Tulsa and the City of Utsunomiya marking the 30th anniversary this year, and the Sister State relationship between the State of Oklahoma and the Prefecture of Kyoto; and

Whereas, the State of Oklahoma applauds in this context Dr. Larry Jones of the City of Stillwater, who has been devoted to the Sister City relationship among a number of cities in the United States and Japan and thus was commended by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan in 2011; and

Whereas, the State of Oklahoma, determined to cherish as ever strong bonds under the Sister City and other interactive relationships, renews its commitment to solidarity with the people of Japan;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2012 as

**"Solidarity and Friendship (Makoto-no-Comodachi) between
the People of the State of Oklahoma and of Japan Day"**

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

Michelle R. Day

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 23rd day of February, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and Twelve, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fourth year.

Mary Fallin

GOVERNOR

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