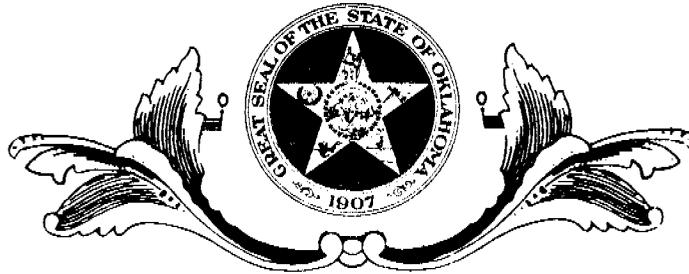


STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, 2012 has been designated the "International Year of the Cooperatives"; and

Whereas, cooperatives are member-owned and controlled businesses that operate for the mutual benefit of members and for more than a century have been a vital part of the Oklahoma and the world economies; and

Whereas, cooperatives operate in every county in Oklahoma and across all sectors of the Oklahoma and U.S. economies and include agricultural, financial, credit, energy, telecommunications, food distribution and retailing, childcare, purchasing, housing, and healthcare cooperatives; and

Whereas, cooperative businesses provide jobs, contribute to the local and global economy, and enhance the quality of life for those in our individual communities, our state, throughout the country and around the world; and

Whereas, there are more than 29,000 cooperatives in the United States, which generate 2 million jobs, contribute to the U.S. economy with annual sales of \$652 billion and possess assets of \$3 trillion; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma Agricultural Cooperatives Council, Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives, and the Credit Union Association of Oklahoma are statewide trade associations dedicated to serving the needs of their member cooperatives; and

Whereas, worldwide, over 800 million people are members of cooperatives and Oklahoma cooperative members serve a combined constituency of more than 1.5 million people;

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

"Year of Cooperatives"

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 6th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fourth year.

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ATTEST:

Assistant

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SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR

Mary Fallin