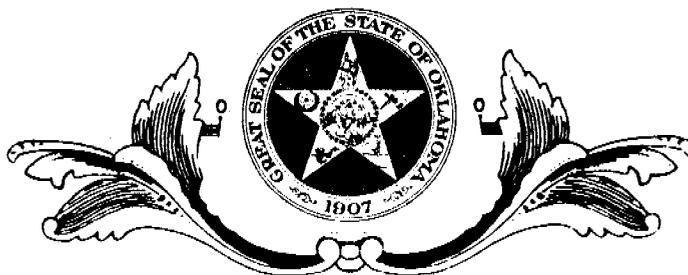


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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, the youth of Oklahoma will determine the future strength of our country and be the bearers of our democracy; and

Whereas, youth need a safe haven from various negative influences, such as child abuse, substance abuse, depression, and crime, and youth need readily available resources to assist them when faced with circumstances that compromise their safety; and

Whereas, designated as locations where youth can get information and immediate care, Safe Place is found at businesses, such as restaurants, convenience stores, movie theatres, and community buildings such as fire stations, libraries and community centers; and

Whereas, the success of Safe Place is based on public/private collaborations between businesses, school systems, fire departments, law enforcement, and a network of volunteers; and

Whereas, the Safe Place program must meet performance standards, relative to outreach and community relations, to receive direct federal assistance as set forth in the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.); and

Whereas, more than 1,500 communities in 40 states administer the Safe Place program at over 19,000 locations; and

Whereas, more than 255,000 youth were helped by going to a Safe Place location or received counseling by phone as a result of Safe Place information received at school; and

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the week of March 4th through March 10th, 2012 as

"Safe Place 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 16th 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.

ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary of State
Michelle Day

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Mary Fallin

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