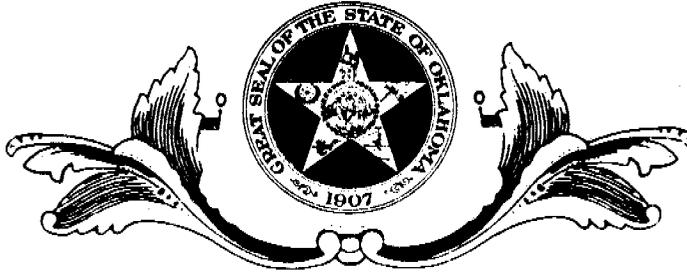


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY  
OF STATE



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## Proclamation

Whereas, the pet overpopulation crisis can be solved by responsible citizens adopting dogs or cats from local animal shelters and by having them spayed or neutered; and

Whereas, it is the obligation of the people to provide responsible, humane care for pets who depend on us throughout their lives; and

Whereas, many caring Oklahomans give of their time and resources to care for pets in shelters, foster homes, and rescues; and

Whereas, a proper understanding of the responsibilities of pet ownership is necessary in today's complex society; and

Whereas, responsible pet ownership includes providing proper care, nutrition, shelter, training, ensuring safety around children, and having the animals spayed or neutered; and

Whereas, people who abuse animals are likely to abuse humans, too; and

Whereas, every pet deserves a responsible, educated, respectful, and loving forever home;

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

**"Animal Welfare Awareness 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.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 15th day of May, 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 SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR