# STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

**Whereas**, *for more than a century our flag has been a banner of hope for generation after generation of Americans; and*

**Whereas**, *born among the first flames of America's fight for freedom, it is the symbol of a country that has grown from a little group of thirteen colonies to a unified nation of fifty sovereign states, and planted firmly on the high pinnacle of American faith, has proved to be an inspiration to untold millions; and*

**Whereas**, *the first flag of the United States was authorized by Congressional Resolution on June 14, 1877, and in 1949, Congress officially designated June 14th of each year as National Flag Day, to be observed by display of the American Flag and appropriate ceremonies; and*

**Whereas**, *Congress also requested on June 9, 1966, that the week in which June 14 occurs be proclaimed as "National Flag Week" and all citizens of the United States are called on to display the flag during that week; and*

**Whereas**, *the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was first used in 1892, was made official by the Congress in 1945, and through the years has been recited to reaffirm our love and loyalty to our country and to the ideals which have made America a great nation;*

**Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin**, *Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2012 as*

**"Flag Day"**

*and the week of June 8 – 14, 2012 as*

**"Flag 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.*

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*Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this* 24th *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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Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR