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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA 1907

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, *the citizens of Oklahoma recognize that our success depends on helping every child succeed in school and reach their full potential by providing a solid foundation of support; and*

Whereas, *mentoring is a proven strategy that helps children and young adults by matching them with a caring, responsible adult to provide guidance and build confidence; and*

Whereas, *research shows that youth mentoring has beneficial and long-term effects by increasing academic engagement and decreasing the likelihood of substance abuse and other risky behaviors; and*

Whereas, *the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, through the David and Molly Boren Mentoring Initiative, a promoter of the growth and development of quality youth mentoring programs, recognizes these Mentors of the Year;*

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, *Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim January 16, 2013 as*

"Oklahoma Mentor 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 18th *day of* December *, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and* twelve *, and of the State of Oklahoma in the* one hundred and fifth year.

Mary Fallin

GOVERNOR

ATTEST: Michelle R Day

Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

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