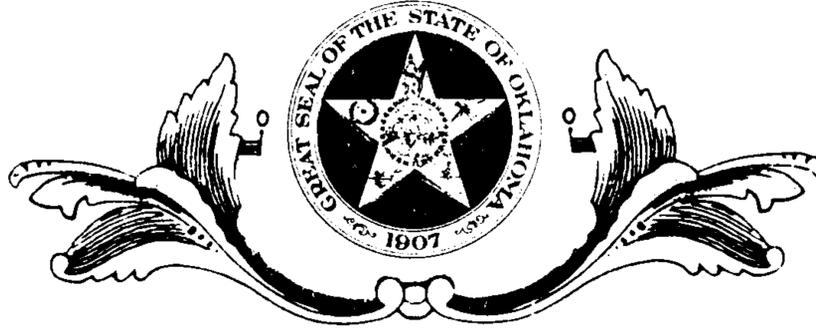


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

Whereas, all children in Oklahoma should have the right to the highest quality schools possible; and

Whereas, citizens across Oklahoma agree that improving the quality of education in Oklahoma and expanding access to highly effective schools should be an issue of importance to our state's leaders; and

Whereas, Oklahoma recognizes the critical role that an effective and accountable system of education plays in preparing all children in Oklahoma to be successful in a global economy; and

Whereas, Oklahoma has a multitude of high quality public schools, public charter schools, and nonpublic schools (including home schools); and

Whereas, Oklahoma has many high quality teaching professionals in public, private and charter schools across Oklahoma who are committed to educating children; and

Whereas, the vital cause of education reform is one that transcends ideology and political party affiliation; and

Whereas, research in Oklahoma and across our nation demonstrates conclusively that providing children with multiple schooling options improves academic performance;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the week of January 27<sup>th</sup> through February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 as

**"Oklahoma School Choice 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fifth year.

*Michelle R. Day*  
Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR

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