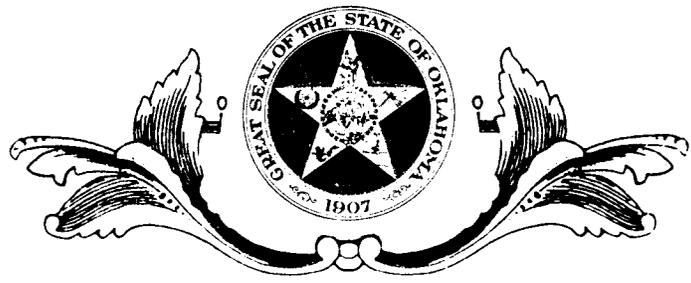


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARIAT OF STATE

Proclamation

Whereas, the American Veterinary Medical Association was founded in 1863 as the U.S. Veterinary Medical Association in New York City, New York; and

Whereas, 2013 will mark the 150th anniversary of organized veterinary medicine in the United States; and

Whereas, veterinarians have played an integral role in discovering the causes of numerous diseases that affect our state's citizens such as salmonellosis, West Nile infection, yellow fever and malaria; and

Whereas, veterinarians provide valuable public health service through preventive medicine, control of zoonotic diseases and scientific research; and

Whereas, veterinarians have advanced human and animal health by inventing and refining techniques and instrumentations such as artificial hips, bone plates, splints and arthroscopy; and

Whereas, veterinarians play an integral role in protecting the quality and security of our nation's national herd and food supply; and

Whereas, veterinarians are dedicated to preserving the human-animal bond and promoting the highest standards of science-based, ethical animal welfare; and

Whereas, colleagues from around the world will join veterinarians in the United States to celebrate this momentous occasion;

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

"The Year of the Veterinarian"

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 14th day of February, 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
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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