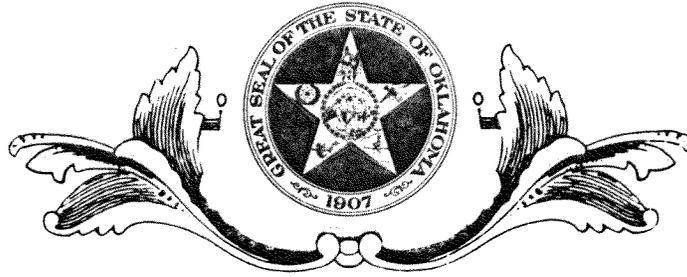


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Proclamation

Whereas, highway construction work and repairs to Oklahoma highways must be done while roads are still under traffic, putting both motorists and workers at risk every day; and

Whereas, in its history, 57 Oklahoma Department of Transportation employees have been killed in the line of duty, more than any other state agency; and

Whereas, statistics show that in 2012, 16 people were killed and 838 injured in 1,431 collisions in Oklahoma work zones, the greatest amount of injuries and the third highest number of work zone collisions in the last decade; and

Whereas, there has been a 77% increase in fatalities and a 149% increase in the number of accidents in work zones since 2003; and

Whereas, many of these fatalities and injuries were caused by inattentive driving, following too closely and speeding in construction zones; and

Whereas, drivers should set aside distractions, be extra cautious and give work zones their undivided attention when traveling; and

Whereas, the state of Oklahoma is dedicated to enhancing work zone safety for both highway workers and motorists;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the week of April 15th through April 19th, 2013 as

"Work Zone Awareness Week"

in the State of Oklahoma and encourage all citizens to exercise care, caution and patience on the roadways during this dedicated week and throughout the year as well.

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 7th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fifth year.

Assistant *Michelle R. Day*
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR