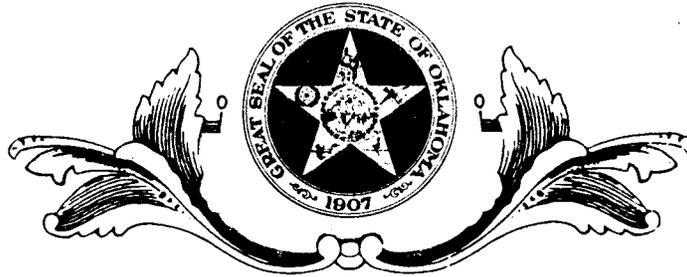


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY  
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**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

## Proclamation

*Whereas, older Americans bring a lifetime of skills and experience as parents, workers, and citizens that can be tapped to meet challenges in our communities; and*

*Whereas, for more than four decades, Senior Corps and its three programs – RSVP, Senior Companions, and Foster Grandparents – have proven to be a highly effective way to engage Americans ages 55 and over in meeting national and community needs; and*

*Whereas, each year Senior Corps provides opportunities for nearly 330,000 older Americans across the nation, including approximately 9,500 volunteers in Oklahoma, to serve their communities; and*

*Whereas, last year Senior Corps volunteers provided more than 96.2 million hours of service, helping to improve the lives of our most vulnerable citizens, strengthen our educational system, protect our environment, provide independent living services, and contribute to our public safety; and*

*Whereas, Senior Corps volunteers build capacity of organizations and communities by serving through more than 65,000 nonprofit, community, and faith-based community groups nationwide; and*

*Whereas, at a time of mounting social needs and growing interest in service by older Americans, there is an unprecedented opportunity to harness the talents of 55-plus volunteers to address community challenges; and*

*Whereas, volunteer service by older Americans helps to keep them active, healthy, and engaged; helps our communities by solving local problems; helps our nation by saving taxpayer dollars, reducing healthcare costs, and strengthening our democracy; and*

*Whereas, the fourth annual Senior Corps Week, taking place May 6-10, 2013, is an opportunity to thank Senior Corps volunteers for their service and recognize their positive impact and value to our communities, state, and nation;*

*Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim May 6<sup>th</sup> through May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 as*

***“Senior Corps 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fifth year.*

*Mary Fallin*  
Mary Fallin



ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR

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