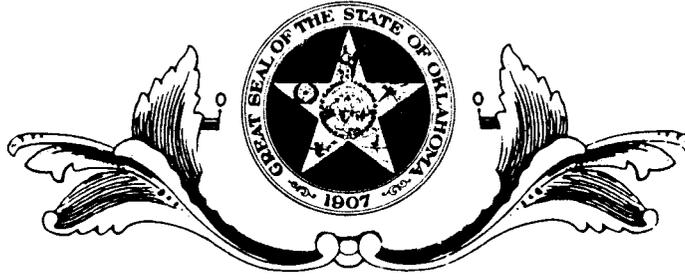


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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Proclamation

Whereas, United States democracy was founded on the ideal of an educated and informed citizenry; and

Whereas, veterans of the United States military bravely served our nation to protect this ideal of democracy; and

Whereas, Veterans Upward Bound is a Federal TRIO Program funded by the United States Department of Education designed to assist low income, first generation military veterans in pursuing postsecondary education; and

Whereas, there are currently 51 Veterans Upward Bound programs across the nation serving more than 6,500 veterans each year; and

Whereas, there are two Veterans Upward Bound programs in Oklahoma. They are located at Redlands Community College and East Central University. Each program provides supportive services and the encouragement needed to assist veterans in their pursuit of postsecondary education; and

Whereas, the East Central University Veterans Upward Bound program was first funded in 1995, and has been providing academic and other supportive services for 18 years. The program has an office in Ada, Oklahoma and is funded to serve 125 veterans each year; and

Whereas, the Veterans Upward Bound staff members are dedicated to serving and assisting military veterans in accessing higher education, achieving their individual career goal, and obtaining needed resources and benefits;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim May 23, 2013 as

"Veterans and Military Appreciation 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 14th day of May, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fifth year.



Assistant Secretary of State
Chris Morris

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