

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF STATE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks is a service organization founded in New York City on February 16, 1868, under the name "Jolly Corks" by 15 actors, entertainers and others associated with the theatre. In subsequent years, membership expanded to other professions and the name was changed; and

Whereas, the dues from the members are spent locally to support community activities; one of the events being the Smokin on Route 66 BBQ Championship, a state championship cook-off, sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society; and

Whereas, the Smokin on Route 66 BBQ Championship benefits the Miami Elks Lodge #1320, a nonprofit organization which offers a variety of benevolent, education, and patriotic community-minded programs that do everything from helping physically handicapped children and sponsoring the Elks National Foundation scholarships, to assisting with veterans' works, scouting, athletic teams, a national "Hoop Shoot" free throw contest involving more than 3 million children, and physical and occupational therapy services; and

Whereas, the first annual Smokin on Route 66 Championship will be held in Miami, Oklahoma to promote a positive impact on Oklahoma, increase visitors to the state, support a vital service in the area, and give everyone the chance to enjoy the best BBQ around;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim August 2nd & August 3rd, 2013 as

"Smokin on Route 66 BBQ Championship Days"

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 3rd day of July, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fifth year.

Assistant *Chris Morris*
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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