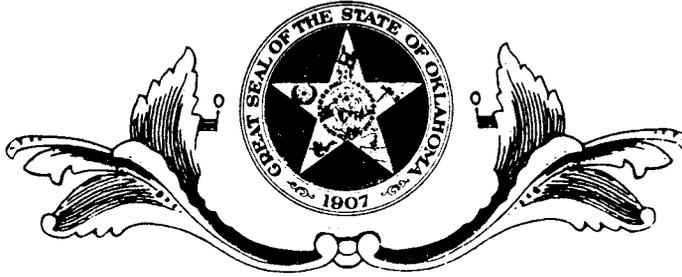


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## Proclamation

Whereas, the month of October 2013 has been designated National Disability Employment Awareness Month with the theme, "Because We Are EQUAL to the Task"; and

Whereas, the Office of Disability Concerns initiatives include technical assistance and development of best practices, as well as outreach education, constituent services, and promotion of its mission among all employers for inclusion of people with disabilities in Oklahoma's workforce; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Labor and the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services are committed to providing better training opportunities through ongoing programs and new initiatives so people with disabilities can acquire the skills needed for Oklahoma's workforce; and

Whereas, a major obstacle that impacts employment for people with disabilities is a mismatch between existing skills and skills that are needed in Oklahoma's workforce and people with disabilities need assurance that they will have full inclusion in services and employment options; and

Whereas, a new generation of young people with disabilities is ready to enter the workforce and like other young people, young adults with disabilities can bring to the workforce the energy, enthusiasm and creativity that Oklahoma's employers demand;

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

**"Disability Employment Awareness Month"**

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 22nd 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 Davis*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR



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