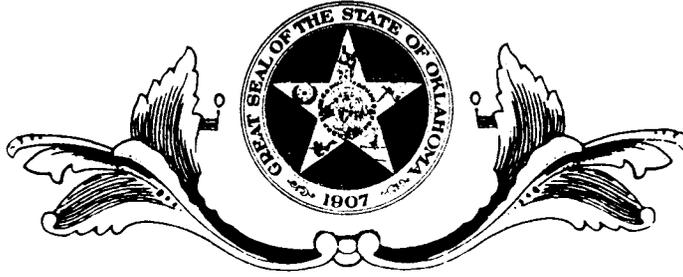


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



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## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

Whereas, Oklahoma's minority enterprises and minority entrepreneurs play a critical role in our state's economic well-being; and

Whereas, our state's culture is richer because of our diversity; and

Whereas, the size and scope of Oklahoma's minority enterprises are as diverse as the people who invest their time and talent in creating and sustaining businesses that serve the needs of our citizens and the global market place; and

Whereas, nearly 17 percent of Oklahoma's businesses are owned and operated by minority business owners directly employing approximately 57,000 workers who generate over \$8.6 billion in gross receipts; and

Whereas, Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma, Inc. (REI Oklahoma) works closely with the Minority Business Development Agency and is the operator of the MBDA Business Center – Native American & Alaska Native program to enhance minority owned businesses in Oklahoma; and

Whereas, on August 29, 2013, REI Oklahoma will host the Minority Enterprise Development Week awards program in Catoosa, Oklahoma to celebrate and recognize the outstanding achievements of minority entrepreneurs based on the economic impact their businesses have had on our great state;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim August 26<sup>th</sup> through August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 as

### "Minority Enterprise Development 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 15 day of August, 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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