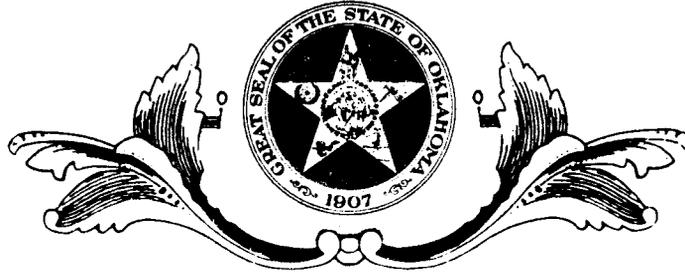


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, as Oklahoma competes in the global economy of the twenty-first century, our citizens recognize the challenges ahead and accept the responsibility of providing their children the education and skills that will enable them to compete successfully, as individuals and as a state; and

Whereas, the rising costs of higher education continue to outpace inflation, the rate of increase in public assistance to students and the growth in family income, posing a serious threat to the ability of our citizens to ensure their children's access to postsecondary education; and

Whereas, education loans in the United States are burdening college graduates with the responsibility of paying for higher education long after they have completed their education; and

Whereas, it is in the state's interest that access to postsecondary education for our children be maintained and encouraging parents to save for their children's education promotes that public purpose; and

Whereas, elected leaders need to encourage savings versus borrowing and assisting rather than hindering parents, grandparents, friends, and businesses, as they seek to support the education of children, grandchildren and others in need of help to meet their higher education goals; and

Whereas, the state of Oklahoma administers the Oklahoma 529 College Savings Plan as a Section 529 Qualified Tuition Plan through duly enacted laws; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma 529 College Savings Plan offers families a state income tax deduction of up to \$20,000 per year as a recognition of the value of higher education opportunity;

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

"Oklahoma 529 College Savings Plan 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 31st day of July, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen, 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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