

# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY  
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## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

*Whereas, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), founded in 1944, is the oldest, largest, and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization serving the broad interests of tribal governments and communities; and*

*Whereas, NCAI, a nonprofit organization, advocates for a bright future for generations to come by taking the lead to gain consensus on a constructive and promising vision for Indian Country; and*

*Whereas, the organization's policy issues and initiatives are driven by the consensus of their diverse membership which consists of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments, tribal citizens, individuals, and Native and non-Native organizations; and*

*Whereas, for nearly seven decades since its founding, NCAI has remained true to the original purpose of the organizations: to be the unified voice of tribal nations; and*

*Whereas, as outlined in the NCAI Constitution, their purpose is to serve as a forum for unified policy development among tribal governments in order to: (1) protect and advance tribal governance and treaty rights; (2) promote the economic development, health and welfare in Indian and Alaska Native communities; and (3) educate the public toward a better understanding of Indian and Alaska Native tribes; and*

*Whereas, the National Congress of American Indian will convene their annual meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma, beginning October 13 and continuing through October 18, 2013, for an estimated 3,000 tribal elected and other officials to debate and deliberate on issues of pressing concerns; and*

*Whereas, Oklahoma is considered the "Heart of Indian Country" and home to 39 Indian tribes;*

*Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim October 13<sup>th</sup> through October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 as*

**"National Congress of American Indian 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.*

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*Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 31<sup>st</sup> 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