

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, the Year 2013 has been designated as the "Year of Italian Culture in the United States," which includes a number of significant events organized by distinguished cultural institutions in the state of Oklahoma; and

Whereas, it is appropriate during this special year to honor the rich history and culture of Italy and the many accomplishments of the Italian people; and

Whereas, we recognize our friendship with Italy and celebrate the myriad contributions made by citizens of Italian heritage to our state with the splendid performance of Aida by the Tulsa Opera, the exhibition of Aphrodite and the Gods of Love at the Philbrook Museum of Art, and Of Heaven and Earth: 500 Years of Italian Art showcased at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art; and

Whereas, our ties with Italy continue to grow, especially in the economic and cultural spheres, with the opening of a campus by the University of Oklahoma in Arezzo, Italy, and the recent development of the Chisolm View and Rocky Ridge wind projects by the Italian energy company, ENEL Green Power, and we look forward to many future opportunities for celebration and exchange; and

Whereas, we are pleased to join the people of Italy in celebrating the heritage of this distinctive nation and we extend best wishes for Italy's prosperity and the success of its people in the years to come;

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

"Italian Culture Month"

in the state of Oklahoma and am pleased to join those of Italy and of Italian descent in celebrating their heritage.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



ATTEST:

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 3rd day of September, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fifth year.

Mary Fallin Secretary of State
Mary Fallin Governor

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