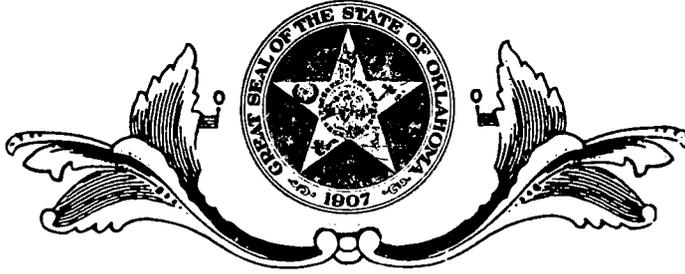


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## Proclamation

Whereas, cooperative businesses are created through the determination of Americans who come together to meet their common economic, social, and cultural aspirations through a jointly owned enterprise; and

Whereas, Oklahoma cooperatives have a major impact on the state's economy and are operated for the benefit of their members; and

Whereas, cooperatives engage in activities as diverse as processing and marketing crops and obtaining farm supplies, providing financial services, electricity and telecommunications services to their members; and

Whereas, members, who enjoy democratic ownership and control, benefit from the affordable, quality services cooperatives provide; and

Whereas, in Oklahoma, cooperatives are effective at adding value to the goods and services produced in rural Oklahoma, thereby supporting local economic growth, job creation, and healthy communities; and

Whereas, during the month of October, members of every type of cooperative celebrate the achievements and the trust the cooperatives have earned;

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

**"Cooperative 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

Chris Morris  
Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin  
GOVERNOR

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