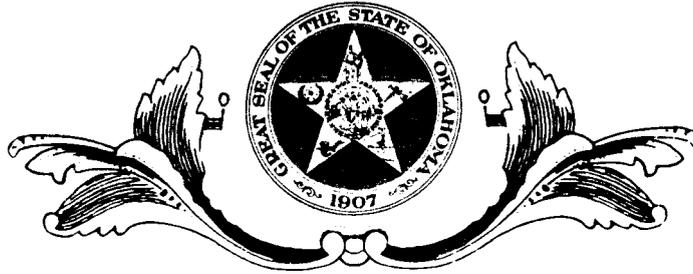


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



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## Proclamation

*Whereas, the National Guard and Reserve forces comprise nearly half of our nation's military strength, and are essential to America's national security. Reserve Component forces stand ready to answer the call to serve, whether serving alongside active duty counterparts all across the globe or responding to humanitarian crises at home and abroad; and*

*Whereas, employers provide critical support to members of the National Guard and Reserve; allowing Citizen Warriors to serve whenever the nation calls, often foregoing financial gain and making sacrifices in the process; and*

*Whereas, employer support is stronger than ever, more than forty-one years after President Richard Nixon authorized the Secretary of Defense to establish the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR); and*

*Whereas, our nation is indebted to the Citizen Warriors departing the comforts of home to ensure our freedoms remain intact. Likewise, America pays special tribute to the commitment of dedicated and supportive employers who continue to make service in the Reserve Components possible;*

*Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim September 22<sup>nd</sup> through September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 as*

***"Oklahoma Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve 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 20<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.*



Assistant

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