STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, *the week of November 17-23, 2013, has been designated National Geography Awareness Week; and*

Whereas, *the world is increasingly interconnected and interdependent, but too many students and adults lack understanding of the world's geography within and beyond our nation's borders; and*

Whereas, *Geography Awareness Week promotes geo-literacy, an essential part of a 21st century education in the nation's schools and communities, and has been so recognized by Congress annually since 1987; and*

Whereas, *students, teachers, and communities across the state of Oklahoma will gain further understanding of how our world is composed of interconnected human and natural systems, with special emphasis this year on the 2013 theme of "the New Age of Exploration," using resources developed by the National Geographic Society, the Oklahoma Alliance for Geographic Education, and other committed organizations during Geography Awareness Week and throughout the school year;*

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, *Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the week of November 17th through November 23rd, 2013 as*

"Geography Awareness Week"

in the state of Oklahoma.

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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 15th *day of* October *, 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
GOVERNOR

Assistant Chris Drennan
SECRETARY OF STATE