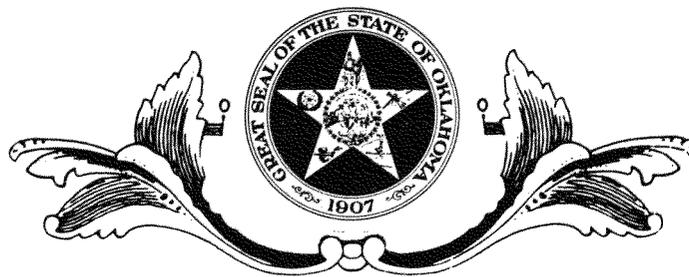


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Proclamation

Whereas, Culture Change is happening in long term care communities across the state including nursing homes, assisted living, residential care, and adult day centers; and

Whereas, Culture Change is a process of transforming traditional, institutional long-term care facilities into true homes and involves a change of environment, systems and attitude; and

Whereas, Culture Change is not just a change you can see, it's a change you feel. It is a change elders feel as they direct their own lives and the way staff feel as they are empowered to help them. It celebrates life, love, and the pursuit of overall well-being; and

Whereas, Culture Change places decision making with the elder and with those working closest to them; it empowers the care partners involved in the daily care and flattens the traditional hierarchy of decision-making thereby placing greater independence over each elder's daily life, improving employee morale, employee turnover, and resident outlook, which in turn create a dramatic, positive impact on the daily lives of the resident; and

Whereas, Culture Change Week honors the care partners who practice culture change every day as they serve elders in a resident-directed environment; and

Whereas, Culture Change Week will inspire long term care professionals, caregivers, and the citizens of Oklahoma to have a greater sense of awareness regarding the importance of our elders;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim April 28th through May 2nd, 2014 as

"Culture Change in Long Term Care 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.



ATTEST:

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 12th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and sixth year.

Chris Benz

SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin

GOVERNOR

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