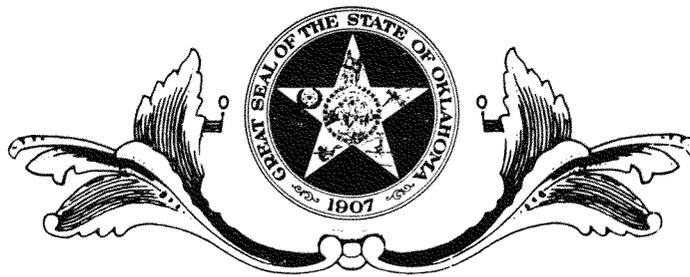


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, throughout the rich history of our state, cowboy and pioneer poets have played an important role in preserving western heritage and the culture of Oklahoma and ranching through oral and written poetry; and

Whereas, the endearing qualities of these new and old stories and poems demonstrate that cowboy poetry is a cherished Oklahoma tradition; and

Whereas, Oklahoma has produced numerous well-respected cowboy poets and cowboy poetry events are hosted throughout the state; and

Whereas, recognizing the contributions of these poets dates as far back as cowboys themselves and it is fitting that the state of Oklahoma acknowledge the significance of cowboy poetry; and

Whereas, citizens of Oklahoma are encouraged to celebrate the entertaining and valued art of cowboy poetry; and

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim April 20th through April 26th, 2014 as

"Cowboy Poetry 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 19th 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 Benzge
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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