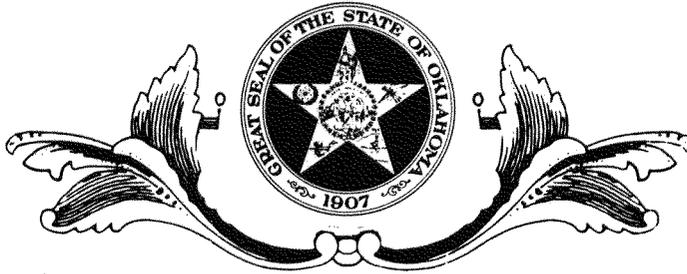


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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Proclamation

Whereas, the profound feelings of loss and devastation that come with the unexplained disappearance of a loved one is incomprehensible to most people, and upon realizing that an individual cannot be located, there is distress, growing concern for their safety, uncertainty regarding the circumstances of their disappearance, and an insurmountable sense of fear; and

Whereas, Oklahoma has 153 persons entered as missing and 129 unidentified souls entered into the Justice Department's National Missing and Unidentified Persons Systems also known as NamUs; and

Whereas, Oklahoma Missing Persons Day is intended to provide the opportunity for families of missing persons to report them missing to law enforcement, to provide investigative leads, to enter their cases into NamUs, to provide family reference DNA samples for entry into the FBI DNA CODIS database, and to provide needed counseling and resources to families; and

Whereas, Oklahomans recognize that our state must always remain a sanctuary for learning and we support initiatives that ensure the safety of citizens and protect them from falling prey to dangerous individuals and all forms of victimization. We join to thank those concerned families, law enforcement agencies, and other citizens who show great dedication in their efforts to locate missing persons, never giving up hope and optimism in their belief that a loved one who has gone missing might someday be found;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim April 12, 2014 as

"Missing Persons Day"

in the state of Oklahoma and encourage our citizens to remember the many individuals whose disappearance continues to affect families and friends across our state and nation.

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 24th 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.

Chi Benz
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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