

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
OF STATE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, the soldiers and airmen of the Oklahoma National Guard, home of the 45th Infantry Division, have served with distinction since 1895 as first, the Territorial Militia and then, since statehood, as the National Guard, protecting and defending the citizens of our state; and

Whereas, members of the Oklahoma National Guard are deserving of proper recognition for their honorable service and many have made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom and democracy in defending the United States and Oklahoma against grave perils; and

Whereas, nearly two hundred Oklahoma National Guard citizens-soldiers have been wounded or killed in combat since September 11, 2001; and

Whereas, members of the Oklahoma National Guard have exhibited tremendous courage, bravery, and sacrifice from their first mobilization to defend the border with Mexico in 1916, to a thousand emergency activations over a hundred years to protect life and property following natural disasters and civil unrest; to worldwide deployments that include Great Britain, France, and Germany in World War I; North Africa and all of Europe in World War II; Japan and Korea in the Korean War, Guam, South Vietnam, and the Philippine Islands during the Vietnam War; all of Southwest Asia during Operation Desert Storm; peacekeeping operations in Bosnia; rescue and recovery operations following the terrorist bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City; Multinational Force and Observers operations in the Sinai; rescue, recovery, and security operations following tornados throughout Oklahoma and Hurricane Sandy in Louisiana and Mississippi; and multiple deployments since 9/11 to Germany, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan, Egypt, Oman, Qatar, Uzbekistan, and the Republic of Djibouti;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim April 8, 2014 as

“Oklahoma National Guard and 45th Infantry Division Appreciation Day”

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 2nd day of April, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and sixth year.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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