

# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



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## Proclamation

Whereas, Oklahoma is home to five hundred museums and cultural organizations which are located in every region of the state and serve as educational institutions, preservation agencies, agencies of scientific research, and cultural centers; and

Whereas, Oklahoma museums represent a multitude of disciplines and learning experiences, including art museums, historical societies, historic sites, zoos, aquariums, science centers, botanical gardens, historic houses, natural history, children's museums, living history museums, and tribal cultural centers and museums; and

Whereas, Oklahoma museums encourage curiosity and provide a source of enjoyment and education for every generation and every community; and

Whereas, Oklahoma museums nourish the mind and spirit by fostering contemplation, exploration, critical thinking, and dialogue to advance knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of history, science, the arts, and the natural world; and

Whereas, Oklahoma museums forge relationships with community partners, such as schools, libraries, neighborhoods, and social service organizations to promote civic understanding; and

Whereas, Oklahoma museums are vital to the preservation, interpretation, and presentation of Oklahoma's heritage; and

Whereas, Oklahoma museums contribute significantly to the livability and economic viability of our state and its communities, create jobs, and attract tourists; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma Museums Association has served to bring important recognition of this commemorative week and invites all museums, Oklahoma residents, and local governments to use this milestone to support and celebrate the contributions of Oklahoma museums;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim May 18<sup>th</sup> through May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 as

**"Oklahoma Museums 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

Chris Berger  
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin  
GOVERNOR

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