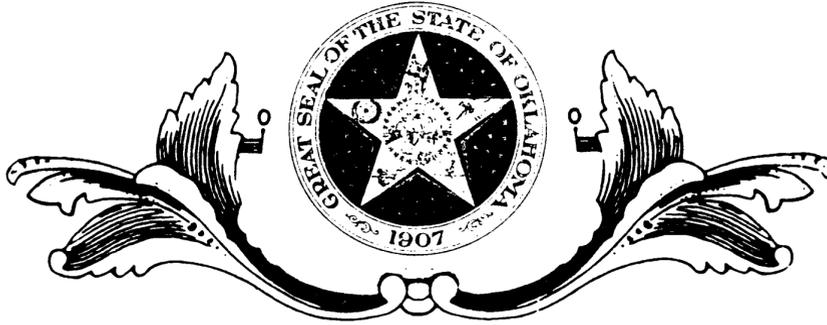


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
OF STATE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, as Oklahoma competes in the global economy of the twenty-first century, our citizens recognize the challenges ahead of providing their children a postsecondary education or skill set that will enable their success as individuals, thus providing positive results for our state; and

Whereas, the cost of higher education continues to grow each year, outpacing the availability of public assistance to students and increases in family income, which poses a threat to the ability of our citizens to ensure their children's access to an education beyond high school; and

Whereas, student loans in the United States are burdening college graduates with the responsibility of paying for their education long after they have completed it; and

Whereas, it is in our state's interest that students' access to postsecondary education be preserved and encouraging families to save for tuition and expenses promotes that public purpose; and

Whereas, elected leaders need to encourage savings and investing as opposed to borrowing and seeking financial assistance; and

Whereas, the state of Oklahoma administers the Oklahoma 529 College Savings Plan as a Section 529 Qualified Tuition Plan through duly enacted laws; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma 529 College Savings Plan offers families a state income tax deduction of up to \$20,000 per year in recognition of the value of this higher education opportunity;

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

"Oklahoma 529 College Savings Plan Month"

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:

Chris Murrell
Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 30th day of July, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and sixth year.

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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