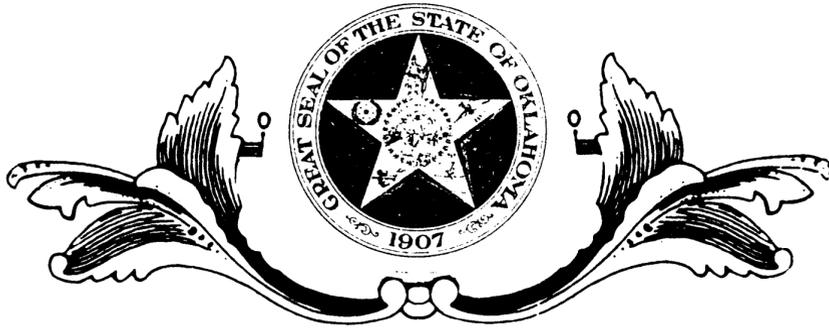


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

Whereas, cities across our country have been plagued by the increase of veteran suicide; and

Whereas, on average twenty-two veterans commit suicide each day in the United States; and

Whereas, there is hope in winning the war on veteran suicide, and it lies in the hard work and determination of our communities to support our returning service members; and

Whereas, local government and community leaders recognize that support for our veterans and their families is one of their most effective tools in the effort to reduce the rate of veteran suicide; and

Whereas, success will not occur overnight, our patience and continued commitment to education and prevention are imperative; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma Warriors Against Veteran Suicide campaign was chosen as a symbol commemorating the men and women who have taken their own lives due to combat related injuries and stressors and has come to represent the belief that one person can make a difference; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma Warriors Against Veteran Suicide campaign was established by Warriors for Freedom Foundation in 2014 to promote awareness and thereby reduce the rate of veteran suicide; and

Whereas, September 2014 has been designated Oklahoma Warriors Against Veterans Suicide Month, encouraging all Americans to show their support for our fallen service members by wearing a red, white and blue ribbon on Sunday, September 21, 2014;

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

**“Oklahoma Warriors Against Veteran Suicide 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.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and sixth year.

*Cl. Benze*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR

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