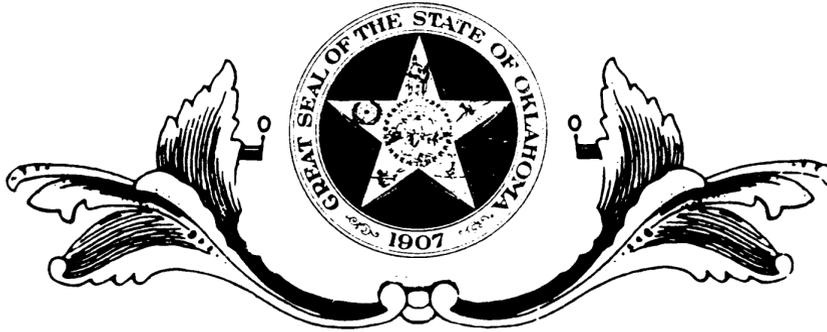


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we recognize the significant achievements made to reduce domestic violence in Oklahoma; and

Whereas, domestic violence is a serious and pervasive public health, human rights, and social justice issue affecting American Indian communities, especially women; and

Whereas, during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we will remember our American Indian communities by announcing an American Indian Domestic Violence Awareness Day; and

Whereas, American Indian women suffer violent crime at a rate of three and a half times the rate of other races, two and a half times the rate of other women for domestic violence, five times the rate of murder related to domestic violence and sexual assault, with four out of every ten American Indian women having been a victim of physical violence and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime; and

Whereas, during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we stand with everyone who has been affected by this terrible crime and commit to ensure that survivors of domestic violence know they are not alone, and there are resources available to them, in all communities, including American Indian communities; and

Whereas, I call upon all Oklahomans to speak out against domestic violence and support local efforts to assist victims and survivors of these crimes in finding the support and healing they seek;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2014 as

"American Indian Domestic Violence Awareness 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.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 9th day of September, 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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Mary Fallin

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR

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