WHEREAS, the month of October 2014 has been designated National Disability Employment Awareness Month with the theme, "Expect, Employ, Empower"; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Disability Concerns initiatives include technical assistance and development of best practices, as well as outreach education, constituent services, and promotion of its mission among all employers for inclusion of people with disabilities in Oklahoma’s workforce; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Labor and the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services are committed to providing better training opportunities through ongoing programs and new initiatives so people with disabilities can acquire the skills needed for Oklahoma’s workforce; and

WHEREAS, Oklahomans with disabilities need the assurance that they will have full inclusion in services and employment options. Welcoming the talents of all people enhances Oklahoma’s diverse workforce and helps build an even stronger economy in our state; and

WHEREAS, a new generation of young people with disabilities is ready to enter the workforce and like other young people, those with disabilities can bring to the workforce the energy, enthusiasm, and creativity that Oklahoma’s employers demand;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim October 2014 as

"Disability Employment Awareness 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 15th day of September, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the hundred and sixth year.

[Signature]
SECRETARY OF STATE

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GOVERNOR