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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, African-American history is a very large part of American history and should be studied throughout the year; and

Whereas, African-Americans have made significant contributions to the state of Oklahoma; and

Whereas, the valued heritage of African-Americans has been recognized through observances in Oklahoma and across America each year in February during the last 89 years, and

Whereas, Oklahoma has been home to countless African-American leaders, educators and social justice pioneers, including Clara Luper, Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher, Ralph Ellison, J.C. Watts and Bill Pickett, who serve as an inspiration today and to future generations of Oklahomans, and

Whereas, African-Americans continue to enrich the lives of all Oklahomans by sharing their heritage and their legacies;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim February 2015, as

"African American History Month"

in the State of Oklahoma. I call upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people of Oklahoma to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

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 4th *day of* February *in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and* fifteen *and of the State of Oklahoma in the* one hundred and seventh *year.*

ATTEST:

Chris Benge
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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