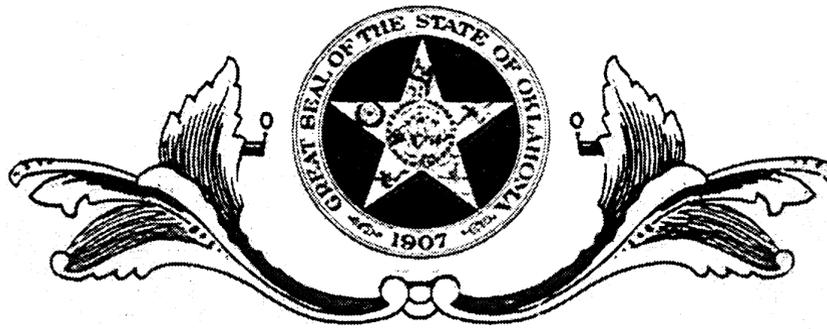


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, many mental health professionals gauge the death of a spouse as one of the most stressful events a person will face in their lifetime; and

Whereas, death is inevitable for everyone; and sadly, more than one hundred thousand Oklahomans are widows; and

Whereas, a widow, in shock, doesn't know what she needs when friends first ask, but with awareness comes understanding and compassion; and

Whereas, stress and depression, caused by deep grief and loneliness, may be misunderstood by those who have not been affected by the loss of a spouse; and

Whereas, Valentine's Day can be one of the most painful days for a widow; and

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim February 14, 2015, as

"Widow Recognition Day"

in the State of Oklahoma and I encourage Oklahomans to reach out in love on this special day.

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 12th 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.



Chris Meuser

Mary Fallin