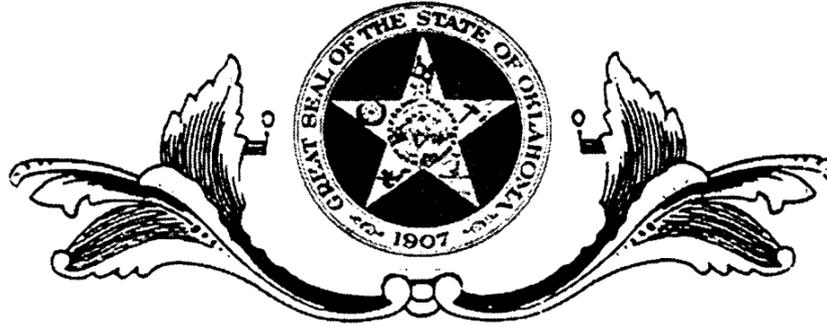


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

Whereas, the Cherokee Nation is a federally recognized Indian tribe that maintains a citizenry of over 313,000 persons within the State of Oklahoma; and

Whereas, the Cherokee Nation has maintained its existence in the area of the State of Oklahoma for over 160 years and since earliest contact with European explorers in the 1500s, the Cherokee Nation has been identified as one of the most advanced among Native American tribes; and

Whereas, it was a spirit of survival and perseverance that carried the Cherokee to Indian Territory on the Trail of Tears and the Cherokee legacy continues as a people who face adversity survive, adapt, prosper and excel; and

Whereas, the Cherokee people have always valued honor, education and personal self-reliance and the Cherokee Nation strives to achieve and maintain an enriching cultural identity, economic self-reliance, and a strong government; and

Whereas, the Cherokee history and culture enriches the lives, families and communities of the State of Oklahoma, and the State of Oklahoma acknowledges the accomplishments of Cherokee Statesmen and women, past and present; and

Whereas, the State of Oklahoma recognizes and appreciates the importance of the indispensable services and economic benefits that the Cherokee Nation provides for the State of Oklahoma;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim February 18, 2015, as

### **"Cherokee Nation 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.*

*CR Berge*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR

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