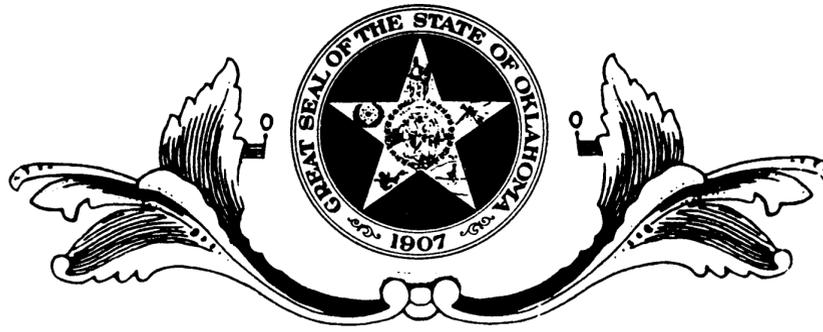


FEB 18 2015

OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
OF STATE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, the goals of National Mentoring Month are to raise awareness of mentoring, recruit individuals to mentor, and encourage organizations to engage and integrate quality in mentoring into their efforts; and

Whereas, a mentor is a caring, consistent presence who devotes time to a young person to help that young person discover personal strength and achieve their potential through a structured and trusting relationship; and

Whereas, quality mentoring encourages positive choices, promotes self-esteem, supports academic achievements, and introduces young people to new ideas. Mentoring programs have also shown to be effective in combating school violence and discipline problems, substance abuse, incarceration, and truancy; and

Whereas, experts agree that mentoring is critical to the social, emotional, and cognitive development of youth, helping them navigate the path to adulthood more successfully. Additionally, mentors help young people set career goals. They also use their personal contacts to assist young people in meeting industry professionals and finding jobs; and

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

“Mentoring Month”

in the state of Oklahoma and recommend that our citizens celebrate the contributions of youth mentors.

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 18th 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:

Ch. Benze
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR