

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, many students and faculty at colleges and universities throughout Oklahoma pursue undergraduate research and creative scholarly activities each year, providing opportunities that will shape the course of their professional aspirations and career attainment; and

Whereas, basic and applied research provide students the ability to engage in hands on learning and to apply concepts learned in coursework to "real life" situations; and

Whereas, students who participate in undergraduate research with faculty have higher retention and graduation rates, and ninety percent of those graduates stay in Oklahoma, supporting significantly the Complete College America initiative; and

Whereas, students who participate in undergraduate research with faculty increase their employability and the post graduate economic well-being of themselves, their families, their communities and the great state of Oklahoma; and

Whereas, the ability to graduate and retain a workforce able to think critically and creatively plays an essential role in helping to meet challenges and capitalize on opportunities, ensuring continued growth and a brighter future for our state; and

Whereas, now in its sixteenth year, Research Day involves thousands of faculty and students from across Oklahoma and is being hosted by Northeastern State University. Sponsors include the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, Oklahoma IDeA Network for Biomedical Research Excellence, National Institutes of Health, Oklahoma EPSCoR, National Science Foundation, and Regional Universities of Oklahoma;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 13th, 2015, as

"Research 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 2nd day of March, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and seventh year.

ATTEST:

C. Benze
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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