

# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

**Whereas**, the soldiers and airmen of the Oklahoma National Guard, home of the famed 45th Infantry Division, have served with distinction since 1895 as first the territorial militia and then, since statehood, as the Oklahoma National Guard, protecting and defending the citizens of the state; and

**Whereas**, 2015 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Oklahoma National Guard's response to Hurricane Katrina where more than 2,500 Oklahoma Guardsmen came to the aid of the citizens of Louisiana and Mississippi; and

**Whereas**, 2015 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Oklahoma National Guard's response to the Murrah Federal Building bombing where hundreds of Oklahoma National Guardsmen searched for survivors, provided site security, sifted through tons of rubble and provided critical assets and resources to law enforcement and firefighters; and

**Whereas**, 2015 marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of the Dachau Concentration Camp by members of Company I, 157<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, leading to the freeing of more than 30,000 prisoners; and

**Whereas**, members of the Oklahoma National Guard exhibited tremendous courage, bravery, and sacrifice from their first mobilization to defend the border with Mexico in 1916, to a thousand emergency activations over a hundred years to protect life and property following natural disasters and civil unrest; to numerous worldwide deployments since September 11, 2001;

**Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor**, of the state of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim April 14, 2015 as:

### **"Oklahoma National Guard & 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Appreciation 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.*



ATTEST:

*Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and seventh year.*

*Cl. Benz*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR

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