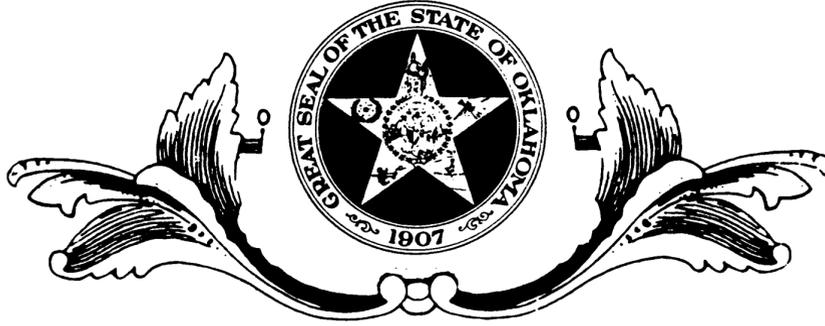


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF STATE

# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

**Whereas**, historically, the greatest number of flood disasters in Oklahoma have occurred during the month of May;

**Whereas**, flooding causes more than \$10 billion in property damage and numerous deaths each year in the United States and losses due to flooding are not covered under most homeowners or business policies; and

**Whereas**, Oklahomans should keep in mind it is never safe to drive into floodwaters; and

**Whereas**, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board is the state agency designated to coordinate the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in Oklahoma—in partnership with the Oklahoma Insurance Department, Oklahoma Emergency Management, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Oklahoma Municipal League, Association of County Commissioners, Oklahoma Legislature, Oklahoma Emergency Managers Association, and Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association—and promote the beneficial uses and natural functions of the floodplain; and

**Whereas**, the NFIP allows residents of participating communities to purchase affordable flood insurance in exchange for regulating floodplain development; and

**Whereas**, Oklahomans should be made more aware of the existence of the NFIP and the various personal benefits afforded through participation in the program;

**Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor**, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2015, as

### **“Flood Awareness Month”**

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 21<sup>st</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.*

*L. Benz*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR

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