

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, thanks to philanthropist, oil man, congressman, and tenth governor of Oklahoma, Ernest Whitworth Marland, Ponca City is home to an amazing monument known as the Pioneer Woman; and

Whereas, sculptors were invited to submit designs that were exhibited across the nation and voted on by over seven hundred fifty thousand people; Bryant Baker's model won the commission; and

Whereas, the Pioneer Woman is a twelve thousand pound, seventeen foot tall, bronze sculpture atop a pyramidal, limestone base, and the entire presentation rises to thirty feet; and

Whereas, the Pioneer Woman statue, entitled "Confident," portrays a mother leading her son by the hand, carrying a bundle and Bible, bravely advancing, head held high; and

Whereas, the Pioneer Woman was unveiled on '89er's Day – April 22, 1930. E.W. Marland presented it and the surrounding land to the state of Oklahoma and her people; and

Whereas, on this eighty-fifth anniversary of the statue's dedication, it is fitting that we honor this iconic treasure, which symbolizes the fortitude of the women who helped settle our state;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2015 as

"Pioneer Woman Statue 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 22nd 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.



ATTEST

Jean McNaughton Hayes
Acting Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

39660