

# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

**Whereas**, the Preamble to the Constitution of the state of Oklahoma states, “Invoking the guidance of Almighty God, in order to secure and perpetuate the blessing of liberty; ... we, the people of the state of Oklahoma, do ordain and establish this Constitution”; and

**Whereas**, Benjamin Franklin, at the Constitutional Convention in 1787 asked if it was possible that an empire can rise without God’s help, and said that we have been assured in the sacred writings, ‘Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it’ (Psalm 127:1); and

**Whereas**, George Washington penned that: “animated alone by the pure spirit of Christianity” and conducting ourselves as the faithful subjects of our free government, we may enjoy every temporal and spiritual felicity; and

**Whereas**, Patrick Henry quoted Proverbs 14:34 for our nation: “Righteous alone can exalt a nation” but sin is a disgrace to any people; and

**Whereas**, Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, wrote: “Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure” when we have removed the conviction that these liberties are the gift of God?

**Whereas**, these, and many other great men and women of America, giants in the structuring of American history, were Christian statesmen of caliber and integrity who did not hesitate to express their faith;

**Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor**, do hereby proclaim the week of May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015, as

## “Christian Heritage Week”

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 29<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.*

*Christy Benz*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR

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