

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, in 1905, a school for African American children was built on the east side of Checotah, Oklahoma, in a “black enclave” known as Ragtown/Happy Hollow by the African American settlers; and

Whereas, in 1936, the iconic Douglas Grade School was constructed by the WPA (Works Progress Administration) and is still standing today; and

Whereas, during segregation, the school provided education for African American children; and

Whereas, many former students of Douglas Grade School have made and continue to make lasting contributions to their local communities, our state and our nation; and

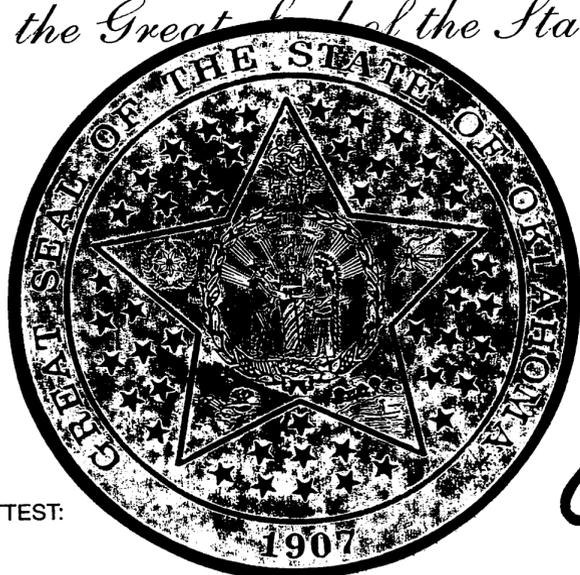
Whereas, on May 25, 2015, Douglas Grade School alumni will gather in Checotah to commemorate the 110th anniversary of that little school on the east side of town and celebrate the impending 80th anniversary of the establishment of Douglas Grade School;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 25th, 2015 as

“Douglas Grade School Alumni 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 14th day of May, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and seventh year.

Ch. Rouse
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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