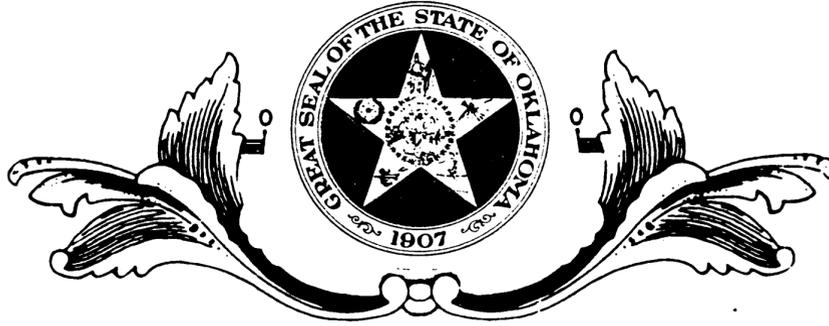


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, patriotism has characterized the *Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks* of the United States of America since the early days of the organization; and

Whereas, allegiance to the American Flag is a requirement of every member of the Elks; and

Whereas, in 1907, the *Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks Grand Lodge* designated by resolution June 14th as Flag Day and the Grand Lodge of the Order adopted mandatory observance of the occasion in 1911; and

Whereas, the Elks prompted then President Wilson to recognize the Order's observance of Flag Day for its patriotic expression; but it was not until 1949 when President Truman, himself a member of the Elks, made the proclamation that thereafter, June 14th would be a national day of observance for the symbol of our country; and

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby declare June 14th, 2015 as

"Flag Day"

in the state of Oklahoma and wish Midwest City Lodge #80 all the best with their June 14th ceremony.

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 tenth day of June, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and seventh year.

ATTEST:

Ch. Benz
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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