

# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

**Whereas**, aviation is one of Oklahoma's top industries, contributing over \$5 billion in income; and

**Whereas**, the aerospace industry is dependent upon a skilled workforce to maintain an exemplary level of quality; and

**Whereas**, the importance of the aerospace industry is crucial to the economic prosperity, national security, and citizen safety of the United States; and

**Whereas**, women have been involved in aviation since its earliest days; from E. Lillian Todd, who designed and built aircraft in 1906; to Helen Richey, who became the first woman pilot for a U.S. commercial airline in 1934; to Astronaut Dr. Sally Ride who, in 1983, was the first American woman in space; to Astronaut Eileen Collins, who became the first female Space Shuttle Pilot in 1997 and first female Space Shuttle Commander in 1999; and

**Whereas**, during the last two decades, although the number of women involved in the aviation industry has steadily increased, only 16 percent of people working in the aircraft, spacecraft, and manufacturing industries are female; and

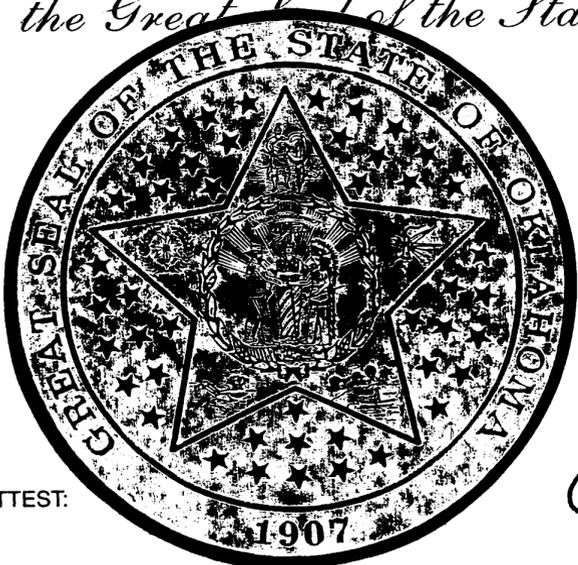
**Whereas**, it is agreed that the path to increasing participation is through a collaborative effort by government, industry, organizations, and individuals designed to inspire girls to pursue aerospace based goals, prepare female students through quality aerospace STEM curriculum and expose girls to positive female role models;

**Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor**, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2015, as

### "Girls In Aviation Day"

in the state of Oklahoma and encourage Oklahomans to recognize the importance of promoting women in aerospace.

*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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.*

*Cl. Benze*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR

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