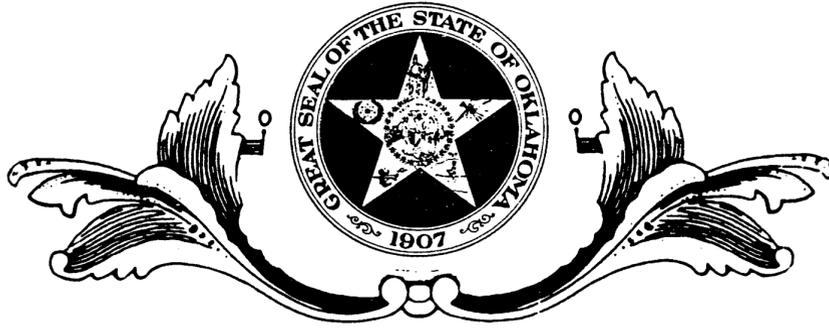


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, good character in Oklahoma citizens is a critical part of our state's foundation; and

Whereas, developing a caring school culture is a proven predictor of increased academic achievement, fewer disciplinary problems and improved social and emotional skills; and

Whereas, Oklahoma has shown dedication to improved schools through promotion and celebration of Schools of Character by the Oklahoma State Department of Education; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma Legislature has publically supported Schools of Character with an increasing number of state schools being formally recognized by *character.org* for committing to the character building of students and their communities; and

Whereas, through Schools of Character we can develop young people who are both skilled and character-filled; thus fostering future generations of citizens who will exemplify the Oklahoma Standard;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 18th, 2015, as

"Schools of Character 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 20th day of July, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and seventh year.

ATTEST:

Chris Marcess
Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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