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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, International Literacy Day is celebrated September 8 of each year to highlight the importance of literacy to individuals, communities, and society; and

Whereas, according to the Oklahoma State Assessment of Adult Literacy, forty-three percent of adult Oklahomans could benefit from improving their reading and writing skills; and

Whereas, lack of reading and writing skills affects the ability of these individuals to fully function in daily life; and

Whereas, literacy organizations throughout the state are opening doors of opportunity by providing basic literacy instruction; and

Whereas, in the past year, Oklahoma's volunteer tutors have provided more than ninety-one thousand hours of instruction valued in excess of two million dollars; and

Whereas, Oklahoma's literacy and adult learning communities are sponsoring *Connected Learning: the Oklahoma Literacy and Adult Education 2015 Fall Conference and Training* on September 28 and 29;

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

"Literacy Month"

in the state of Oklahoma.

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