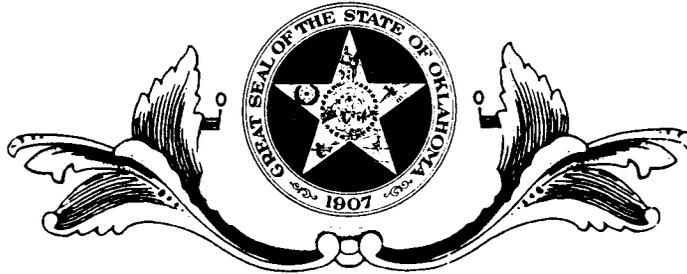


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, the state of Oklahoma is steadfast in its commitment to promoting the safety and well-being of our children and providing stable home environments in which all youth can be nurtured and succeed; and

Whereas, more than 4,300 children throughout our state are raised in kinship households with grandparents or other family members who have stepped forward out of love and loyalty to care for their young relatives; and

Whereas, kinship caregivers reside in urban, rural, and suburban areas across Oklahoma and they are sometimes contacted at all hours, without notice or ability, to prepare for family members; and

Whereas, Kinship Care Month provides an opportunity to showcase the accomplishments of countless young people throughout our state who, with the support of their relatives, have successfully navigated the emotional difficulties of separation from their parents; and

Whereas, all Oklahomans are encouraged to raise awareness and understanding of the positive family environment kinship families offer;

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

“Kinship Care Month”

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.



ATTEST:

Chris Morris
Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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