

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, two of Oklahoma's premier museums will be hosting the exhibition, *Native American Bolo Ties: Vintage and Contemporary Artistry*, organized by the Heard Museum of Phoenix, Arizona; and

Whereas, the exhibition opens at the Gilcrease Museum on October 18, 2015, and runs through January 3, 2016; and opens at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum on February 5, 2016, and runs through May 8, 2016; and

Whereas, bolo ties, representing the casual nature and somewhat rugged milieu of the West, emerged as a form of men's neckwear in the 1940s; and

Whereas, bolo ties are traditionally thought of as Cowboy attire; however, it was American Indian jewelers and silversmiths who brought distinction and creativity to this art form, offering a broad range of unique and artistic options; and

Whereas, this fun, new exhibit explores the history of the bolo or string tie and its antecedents, Victorian neckwear and scarf slides; and

Whereas, the exhibition examines how Western wear, including the bolo tie, was popularized through 1950s television shows and movies by well-known characters like the Cisco Kid, Hopalong Cassidy and Roy Rogers; and

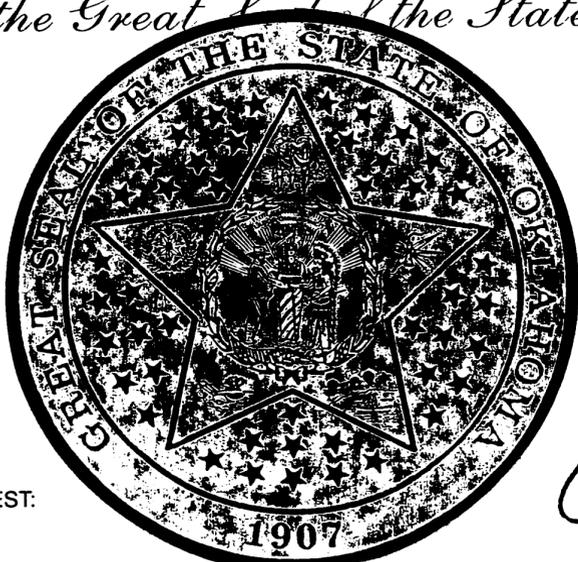
Whereas, the Gilcrease Museum and the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum bring important recognition to these institutions by hosting national traveling exhibitions;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 2015 - May 2016 as

"Bolo Tie Days"

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 27th day of October, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and seventh year.

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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