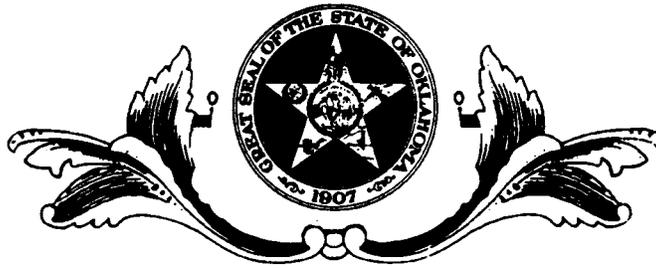


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# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

**Whereas**, the Cherokee Nation is a federally recognized Indian tribe within the state of Oklahoma maintaining a citizenry of over 330,000 persons; and

**Whereas**, the Cherokee Nation has sustained its presence in the state of Oklahoma for over 160 years, and since earliest contact with European explorers in the 1500s, the Cherokee Nation is known as one of the most advanced Native American tribes; and

**Whereas**, the spirit of survival and perseverance carried the Cherokee to Indian Territory on the Trail of Tears and their legacy continues as a people who face adversity; survive, adapt, prosper and excel; and

**Whereas**, the Cherokee people value honor, education and personal self-reliance and the Cherokee Nation as a whole strives to achieve and maintain an enriching cultural identity, economic self-sufficiency, and a strong government; and

**Whereas**, the Cherokee's history and culture enriches Oklahoma families and communities and our state acknowledges the accomplishments of Cherokee statesmen and women, both past and present; and

**Whereas**, the state of Oklahoma recognizes the indispensable services and economic benefits the Cherokee Nation provides;

**Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor**, do hereby proclaim February 23, 2016, as

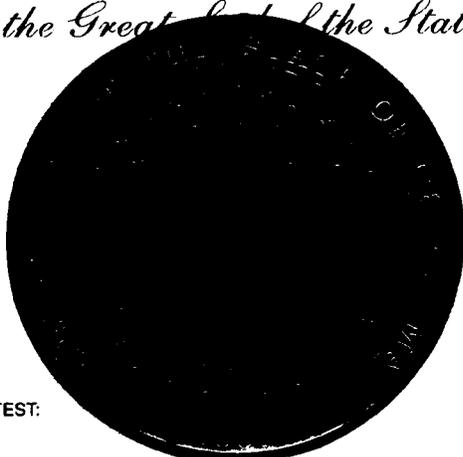
### **"Cherokee Nation Day"**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and eighth year.*

ATTEST:



*Ch. Benze*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR

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