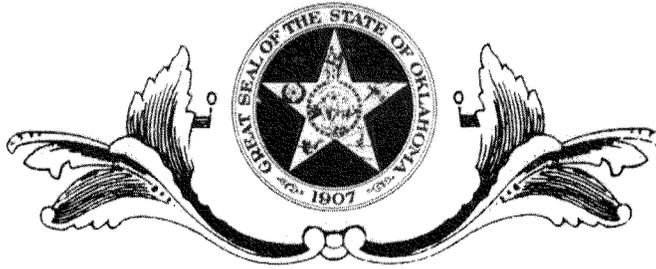


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, the gold star has officially been recognized as a symbol of loss since 1918; and

Whereas, Gold Star Wives is a Congressionally Chartered non-profit service organization; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma chapters of Gold Star Wives of America inspire all with their deep devotion to both family and country; and

Whereas, these extraordinary ladies serve their communities by dedicating their time to help members of our Armed Forces, our veterans, and their families; and

Whereas, as we pay tribute to the valiant men and women in uniform, lost in battle, we also recognize the immense loss and remarkable spirit of those who share in that ultimate sacrifice – Oklahoma’s Gold Star Wives of America; and

Whereas, on this day, we honor Oklahoma’s Gold Star Wives of America and remember their dear spouses’ noble service and valor;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, do hereby proclaim April 5th, 2016, as

“Gold Star Wives 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 17th 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.

Ch. Benge
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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