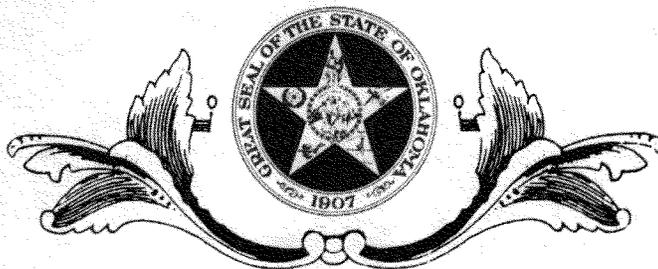


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, historically, the greatest number of flood disasters in Oklahoma have occurred during the month of May; and

Whereas, flooding causes in excess of \$10 billion in property damage and numerous deaths each year in the United States and flooding losses are not covered under most homeowners or business insurance policies; and

Whereas, Oklahomans should bear in mind that it is never safe to drive into floodwaters; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board is the state agency designated to coordinate the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in Oklahoma—in partnership with the Oklahoma Insurance Department, Oklahoma Emergency Management, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Oklahoma Municipal League, Association of County Commissioners, Oklahoma Legislature, Oklahoma Emergency Managers Association, and Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association—and promote the beneficial uses and natural functions of the floodplain; and

Whereas, the NFIP allows residents of participating communities to purchase affordable flood insurance in exchange for regulating floodplain development; and

Whereas, it is important for Oklahomans to be informed about the existence of the NFIP and the various personal benefits afforded through participation in the program;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2016, as

“Flood Awareness 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.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 24th 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.

Chin Bezze
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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