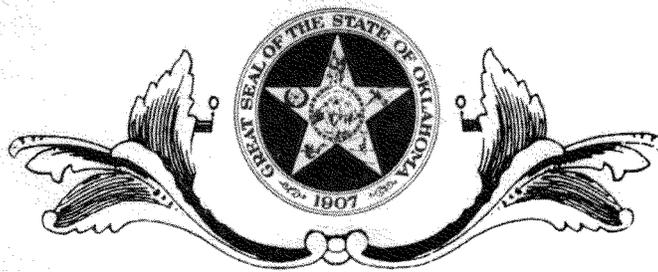


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, throughout the rich history of Oklahoma, cowboy and pioneer poets have played an important role in preserving the western heritage and culture of our state through oral and written verse; and

Whereas, the endearing qualities of these stories and poems demonstrate that cowboy poetry is a cherished Oklahoma tradition; and

Whereas, Oklahoma has produced a multitude of well-respected cowboy poets and cowboy poetry events throughout our state; and

Whereas, the contributions of these poets date as far back as cowboys themselves and it is fitting for the state of Oklahoma to recognize the significance of their work; and

Whereas, citizens of Oklahoma are encouraged to recognize the entertaining and valued art of cowboy poetry; and

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim the week of April 17th, 2016, as

“Cowboy Poetry Week”

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:

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 10th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and eighth year.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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