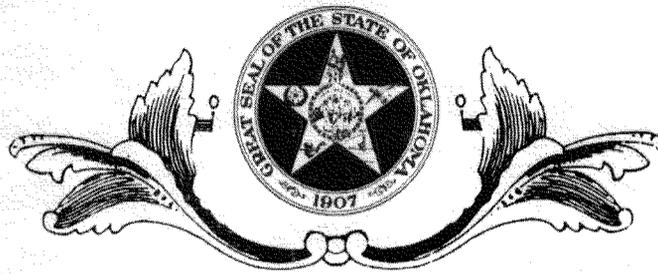


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# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

**Whereas**, construction and maintenance of our streets, highways, and utility infrastructure are critical to maintaining our state's economic vitality and keeping the state "open for business;" and

**Whereas**, repair and maintenance of streets, highways, and utility infrastructure require that, periodically, work zones be established; and

**Whereas**, accidents cause unexpected work zones along Oklahoma highways, which places crews and responders in direct contact with traffic; and

**Whereas**, preliminary 2015 statistics show 13 people were killed and 521 injured in 1,132 collisions in Oklahoma work zones; and

**Whereas**, in its history, 59 Oklahoma Department of Transportation employees have been killed in the line of duty, more than any other state agency;

**Whereas**, by law the fines for speeding in work zones are doubled and texting while driving is banned; and

**Whereas**, drivers should set aside distractions, be extra cautious and give work zones their undivided attention when traveling; and

**Whereas**, the state will kick off a multiple week Oklahoma Work Zone Awareness Safety campaign, "First Line of Defense: Behind the Cones," on April 4, 2016;

**Now, Therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor,** do hereby proclaim the months of April and May 2016 as

### **"Work Zone Awareness Months"**

in the state of Oklahoma and encourage our residents to exercise attentiveness and patience on the roadways.

*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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.*

*Ch. Benze*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR

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