

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, the soldiers and airmen of the Oklahoma National Guard, home of the famed 45th Infantry Division, have served with distinction since 1895, first as the territorial militia and then, since statehood, as the Oklahoma National Guard; and

Whereas, our brave National Guard soldiers and airmen serve with honor as they are commissioned to protect our nation both at home and abroad; and

Whereas, the National Guard has been in every major conflict that our country has fought in for almost 400 years, some making the ultimate sacrifice against grave perils; and

Whereas, members of the Oklahoma National Guard continue to respond to events as needed to provide security and aid to victims, in support of our local authorities; and

Whereas, 2016 marks the 15th anniversary of September 11, 2001, and the Oklahoma National Guard's response to various operations within our nation's borders and overseas in defense of our nation's liberty; and

Whereas, members of the Oklahoma National Guard have continually exhibited tremendous courage, bravery, and sacrifice from their first mobilization to defend the border with Mexico in 1916, to a thousand emergency activations over a hundred years to protect life and property following natural disasters and civil unrest; to multiple worldwide deployments since September 11, 2001;

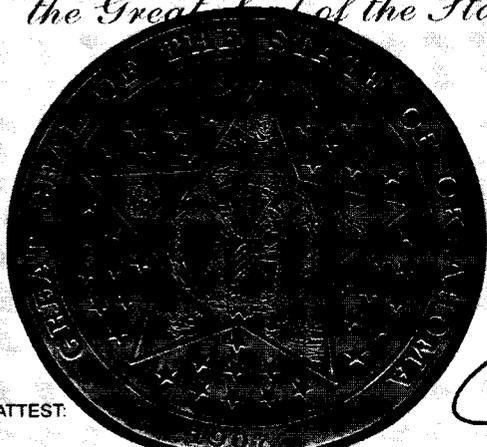
Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 12, 2016 as,

"Oklahoma National Guard & 45th Infantry Division Appreciation 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 6th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and eighth year.



ATTEST:

Chris Benz
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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