

# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

**Whereas**, Oklahoma is home to 500 museums and cultural organizations which are located in every region of the state and serve as educational institutions, preservation agencies, scientific research organizations, and cultural centers; and

**Whereas**, the Oklahoma Museums Association supports our state's museums in their efforts to education, inform, and entertain; and

**Whereas**, Oklahoma museums represent a multitude of disciplines and learning experiences, including art galleries, historical societies, historic sites, zoos, aquariums, science centers, botanical gardens, natural history collections, children's exhibits, living history attractions and tribal cultural center; and

**Whereas**, Oklahoma museums nourish minds and spirits by fostering contemplation, exploration, critical thinking, and dialogue to advance knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of history, science, the arts and the natural world; and

**Whereas**, Oklahoma museums are vital to the preservation, interpretation, and presentation of Oklahoma's heritage contribute significantly to the livability and economic viability of the state and its communities, create jobs, and attract tourists; and

**Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor**, do hereby proclaim the week of May 15th, 2016, as

### "Museum 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.*



*Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 13<sup>th</sup> 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:

*Ch. Benze*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR

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