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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, the Preamble to the Constitution of the state of Oklahoma states, "Invoking the guidance of Almighty God, in order to secure and perpetuate the blessing of liberty; ... we, the people of the state of Oklahoma, do ordain and establish this Constitution;" and

Whereas, Benjamin Franklin, at the Constitutional Convention in 1787, asked if it was possible that an empire can rise without God's help, and said that we have been assured in the sacred writings, "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it" (Psalm 127:1); and

Whereas, George Washington wrote: "animated alone by the pure spirit of Christianity" and conducting ourselves as the faithful subjects of our free government, we may enjoy every temporal and spiritual felicity; and

Whereas, Patrick Henry quoted Proverbs 14: "Righteous alone can exalt a nation" but sin is a disgrace to any people; and

Whereas, these, and many other great men and women, pillars of American history, were Christian statesmen of caliber and integrity who did not hesitate to express their faith;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim the week of May 8th, 2016, as

"Christian Heritage 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 27th 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.

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ATTEST:

Ed Wall
Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR