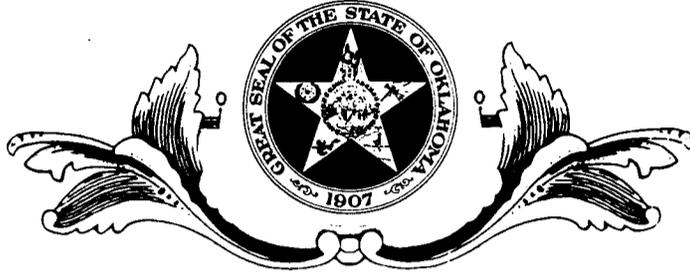


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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, the family is our most important resource for providing Oklahoma's children with love and security and prepares them for transitioning into productive, well-adjusted adults; and

Whereas, more than 10,000 Oklahoma children are unable to remain at home, through no fault of their own; and

Whereas, every child desires and needs a safe, loving and permanent home; and

Whereas, each year, men and women of all backgrounds open their homes and hearts to these children as foster parents; and

Whereas, foster, adoptive and kinship parents provide Oklahoma's children with the opportunity to be part of a caring family and help foster children realize their highest aspirations despite the odds stacked against them; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to recognize adoptive and kinship parents, child welfare staff with the Department of Human Services, and public and private child-serving organizations that ensure Oklahoma's children are thriving in a safe and nurturing environment;

Now, Therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim the May 2016 as

"Foster Care Month"

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 13th day of May, 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. R. Boye
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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