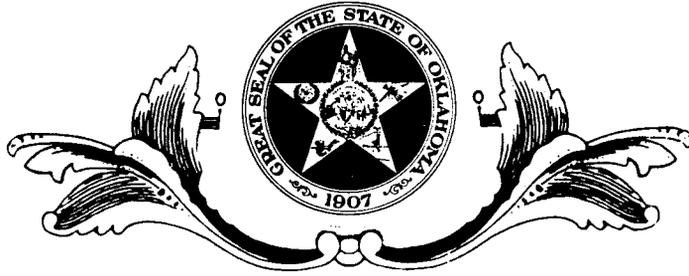


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF STATE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

**Whereas**, this year will mark the 37<sup>th</sup> annual observance of African-American Music Appreciation Month; and

**Whereas**, residents of Oklahoma acknowledge the rich musical customs passed down through generations; and

**Whereas**, African-American music can be heard in classrooms, symphony halls, music studios, churches and large arenas all over Oklahoma; and

**Whereas**, African-American genres include: spirituals, gospel, ragtime, jazz, bebop, rhythm and blues, the very roots of rock and roll, soul, hip-hop, disco and rap; and

**Whereas**, African-American music has influenced our culture by entertaining us, enriching our lives and helping bring about social change; and

**Whereas**, on June 25, 2016, the city of Muskogee will host a "Black Music Month" celebration;

**Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor**, do hereby proclaim June 2016 as

### **"African American Music Appreciation 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.*

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ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR