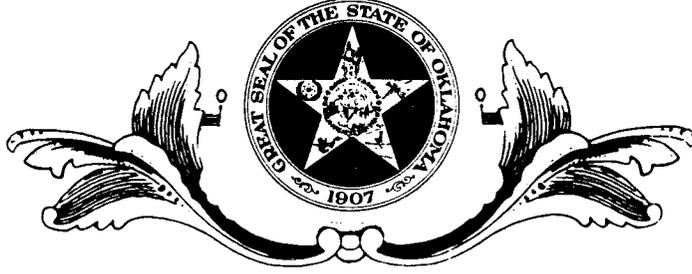


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, allegiance to the American Flag is a requirement of every member of the Elks Lodge organization; and

Whereas, more than 220 years since Old Glory was first embraced by our founders, the Stars and Stripes remain the most enduring and recognizable symbol of our nation's freedom; and

Whereas, the *Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks Grand Lodge* designated June 14 as Flag Day in 1907 and the Grand Lodge of the Order adopted mandatory observance of the occasion in 1911; and

Whereas, the Elks prompted then President Woodrow Wilson to recognize the order's observance of Flag Day for its patriotic expression; but it was not until 1949 when President Harry Truman, himself a member of the Elks, made the proclamation that thereafter June 14th would be a national day of observance for the symbol of our country; and

Whereas, on Flag Day the nation celebrates our enduring American story and our flag which helped unite a new Nation and still flies today as a symbol of courage, hope, and inspiration;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby declare June 14th, 2016, as

"Midwest City Lodge #80 Flag Day Celebration"

in the state of Oklahoma and wish Midwest City Lodge #80 all the best with their June 14th ceremony.

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 7th day of June, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and eighth year.

Chris Benz
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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