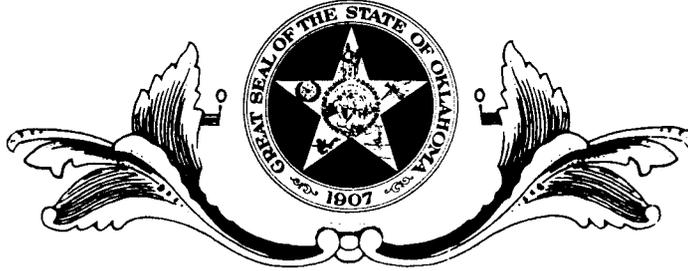


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, good character is a critical part of our state's foundation; and

Whereas, developing a caring school culture is a proven predictor of increased academic achievement, fewer disciplinary problems and improved social and emotional skills; and

Whereas, Oklahoma is dedicated to improving schools through promotion and celebration of Schools of Character by the Oklahoma State Department of Education; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma Legislature has publically supported Schools of Character as an increasing number of state schools have been recognized by *character.org* for committing to the character building of students and their communities; and

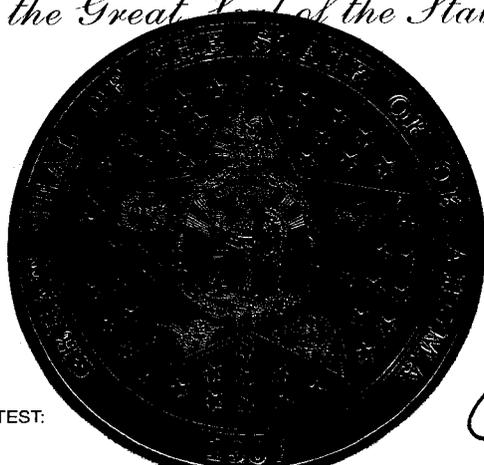
Whereas, through Schools of Character, the state is developing young people who are skilled and character-filled, thus fostering future generations that will exemplify the Oklahoma Standard;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 22nd, 2016, as

"Schools of Character Day"

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 17th day of August, 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

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