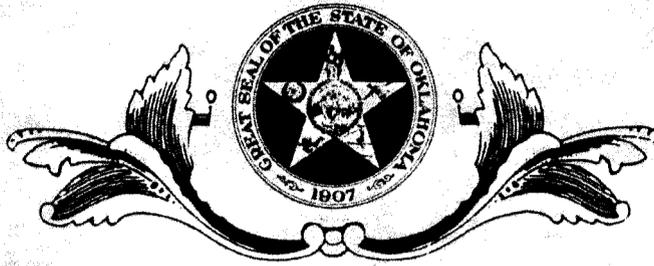


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

**Whereas**, Oklahoma cooperatives have a major impact on the state's economy and are owned and operated by their members; and

**Whereas**, cooperative businesses are created through the determination of Americans who come together to meet their shared economic, social and cultural goals through jointly owned enterprises; and

**Whereas**, cooperatives engage in activities as diverse as processing crops and obtaining farm supplies, providing financial services, electricity and telecommunications services; and

**Whereas**, members benefit from the affordable, quality services cooperatives provide; and

**Whereas**, cooperatives are effective at adding value to the goods and services produced in rural Oklahoma, supporting local economic growth and creating jobs; and

**Whereas**, Oklahomans are encouraged to recognize the valuable impact cooperatives have on enhancing our state's economic opportunity and quality of life;

**Now, Therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor**, do hereby proclaim October 2016 as

### **"Cooperative 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of September in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and eighth year.*

*Chi Rouse*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR

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