Whereas, we are approaching the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and live in a vast nation which is uniquely held together by our common heritage and history; and

Whereas, preserving and understanding our American heritage are intrinsic values that will serve us throughout our lives, bind us together, and allow us to better understand the foundation of our country; and

Whereas, our citizen leaders envision a future where education and service organizations support the education of our youth in the fields of American History, Education, Law, Political Sciences, and other related fields; and

Whereas, parents seek to provide patriotic education for our youth and public awareness about the important events, significant persons, and philosophical bases of the American Revolutionary period, the Constitution, and approaching 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence; and

Whereas, observing National American History Month will enhance greater awareness and support through educational publications, programs, historic tours, and scholarships, as well as initiatives to encourage other organizations to engage in similar efforts; and

Whereas, the National American History Month effort will aid in discovery, collection, and preservation of historical records, documents, monuments, and structures that help us understand the history of the first Colonists and their descendants; and

Whereas, adoption of the month of November as the designated National American History and Founders Month each year will bring together an understanding of our common heritage, promote patriotism, and respect for the character and heroism of the Founding Fathers and patriots of America; and

Now Therefore, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim November, 2019 as

"American History and Founders 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 27th day of September in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and nineteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and eleventh Year.

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GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE