

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, Oklahoma's first hydroelectric project, the Pensacola Dam, was completed in 1940 and has been serving Oklahomans for 80 years; and

Whereas, the dam's completion was the result of hard work, dedication and foresight of many who envisioned the countless benefits it would one day provide to our state; and

Whereas, those benefits today include renewable hydroelectric power, flood control and the countless recreational benefits on and around the waters of Grand Lake; and

Whereas, all these benefits provided by the dam have made the Grand Lake area one of the most important economic engines in the region; and

Whereas, the Historic Pensacola Dam is a member of the National Register of Historic Places and the result of one of Oklahoma's largest construction efforts in the first half of the 20th century; and

Whereas, the construction of Pensacola Dam and all its hydropower, recreation, and ecological operations henceforth have been paid for by the public power ratepayers of the Grand River Dam Authority, never by the taxpayers of the State of Oklahoma; and

Whereas, today we recognize the significance of the dam, its builders, its benefits and the important role it still plays in Oklahoma's economy after eight decades;

Now Therefore, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim October 4, 2020, as

"Pensacola Dam 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 twenty-second day of September, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and twelfth year.

Michael Rogers *Kevin Stitt*
SECRETARY OF STATE GOVERNOR



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