

State of Oklahoma

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's state employees make a significant contribution to the well-being and quality of life for all citizens of our state; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's state employees preserve public safety and the health of our citizens, protect our clean air and water, care for less fortunate members of society, rehabilitate and counsel people in need, preserve our economic well-being by attracting and supporting commerce, build and maintain our highways, schools, and other infrastructure, administer justice, protect citizens' rights, care for victims of crimes, inspect our food, license our cars, help educate our children, make astounding advances in medicine, science and technology, and handle a host of other essential duties entrusted to them by the public; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated individuals strive daily to perform their jobs with professionalism and integrity and to make government services more accessible and responsive to the needs of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to set aside a day during Public Employee Recognition Week to honor and recognize all state employees and to give the general public an opportunity to learn more about their state government and the outstanding employees who serve them; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is privileged to join other states across the nation on Wednesday, May 7, 2008, to express special appreciation and gratitude to state employees for their tremendous efforts, sacrifices, and unselfish spirit of dedication to the citizens of our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2008, as

State Employee Recognition Day

in the State of Oklahoma, and call this observance to the attention of all citizens and encourage all Oklahomans to commend the hard work and commitment of state employees across our state.

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 2nd day of April, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundredth year.

Brad Henry
Governor, State of Oklahoma