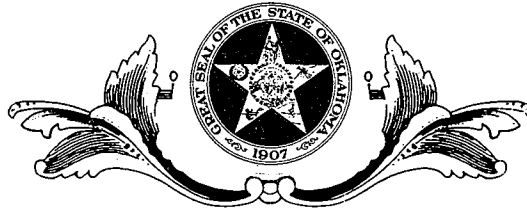


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, 2011 marks the 100th anniversary of the creation of the Oklahoma Department of Highways, the precursor to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation; and

Whereas, construction work and repairs to our highways must be done with traffic on them, putting both motorists and workers at risk every day; and

Whereas, workers diligently continue to improve, rebuild and maintain roadways so motorists can safely and efficiently travel across Oklahoma; and

Whereas, in its history, 54 department employees have been killed in the line of duty, more than any other state agency; and

Whereas, preliminary figures show that in 2010, 18 people were killed and 748 injured in 1,407 motor vehicle collisions in work zones statewide, the greatest number of work zone collisions in nearly two decades; and

Whereas, there has been an 80% increase in fatalities and a 73% increase in the number of accidents in work zones since 2005; and

Whereas, nationally more than 80% of all people killed in work zone accidents were drivers and passengers; and

Whereas, many of these fatalities and injuries were caused by inattentive driving, following too closely and speeding in construction zones; and

Whereas, to reduce fatalities and injuries, motorists must remember to set aside distractions, be extra cautious and give work zones their undivided attention when traveling; and

Whereas, safety on the roads is a shared responsibility, and we all must do our part to keep our highways safe; and

Whereas, the state of Oklahoma is dedicated to enhancing work zone safety for both highway workers and motorists;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim April 4th through April 8th, 2011 as

Work Zone Awareness Week

in the state of Oklahoma. I encourage all citizens to exercise care, caution and patience on the roadways during this dedicated week and throughout the year.

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 4th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the State of Oklahoma in the One hundred and third year.

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Mary Fallin