

Governor & Mrs. Brad Henry with Leah, Laynie & Baylee

Oklahoma is receiving rave reviews! Five communities in our state - Bartlesville, Edmond, Poteau, Tahlequah and Tulsa - are all ranked as "Top Places to Live" and Oklahoma has been named one of the "Top 10 Pro-Business States." It's not only a terrific place to live and work; Oklahoma is gaining quite a reputation as a great vacation getaway.

Consider a few recent kudos: *Southern Living* named Oklahoma City one of the "South's Top Downtowns" and *Child Magazine* ranked the OKC Zoo as one of the "Top Three Zoos in America." *Fodor's Travel* called Tulsa one of "America's 10 Most Underrated Travel Destinations." *Runner's World* called the annual Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon and Relays one of the "Top Ten Marathons in the World." In addition, many Oklahoma festivals have been named among the country's best events.

Beyond these top billings, Oklahoma is full of diverse cultural and natural experiences: cowboy heritage, Native American culture, a rich oil and gas legacy, renowned museums, arts, shopping, sporting activities and festivals. Our famous prairies are interspersed with rolling hills, mountains, lakes and rivers. And soon we will open what's already being called one of the premiere state history museums in the country.

My wife, Kim, and our daughters, Leah, Laynie and Baylee, join me in inviting you to come see what the rave reviews are all about!

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