

Perhaps not since the great land runs that settled much of our state have we seen such an interest in Oklahcma. Last year, Oklahoma's Centennial celebration took the world's stage, creating renewed excitement for this amazing place we call home. Now, as we look to our next century, we see a future full of promise and unlimited potential.

Our first 100 years left a rich legacy of history, attractions, landscapes and vitality that define the Oklahoma experience. And we continue to add to our list of world-class attractions, events and communities at a record pace. Tulsa prepares to open a striking new 18,000-seat Bank of Oklahoma event center designed by world-renowned architect Cesar Pelli, while Oklahoma City's renaissance continues with liverfront development that has attracted the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Sprint Canoe/Kayak, April 18-20. This same momentum is evident throughout the state – from bustling small-town main streets to farms and ranches creating unique agritourism destinations for travelers. Our pioneering spirit is not only alive, it's thriving.

My wife, Kim, and our daughters, Leah, Laynie and Baylee, join me in inviting you to make wonderful memoiles in Oklahoma and become a part of our next 100 years.

Sincerely.

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