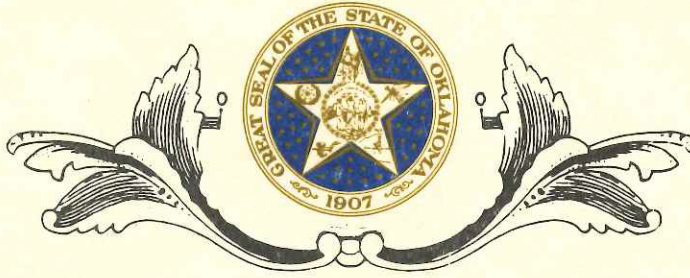


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, construction and repairs to Oklahoma highways must often be done on roads alongside traffic, putting both motorists and workers at risk every day; and

Whereas, emergency repairs or accidents cause unexpected work zones along Oklahoma highways, which places crews and responders in direct contact with traffic; and

Whereas, preliminary 2014 statistics show 10 people were killed and 600 injured in 1,145 collisions in Oklahoma work zones; and

Whereas, in the past five years, 89 people have been killed and 4,461 injured in 8,285 accidents in Oklahoma work zones; and

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

Whereas, by state law the fines for speeding in work zones are doubled; and

Whereas, drivers should set aside distractions, be extra cautious and give work zones their undivided attention when traveling; and

Whereas, in its history, 57 Oklahoma Department of Transportation employees have been killed in the line of duty, more than any other state agency;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim March 23-27, 2015,

"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 as well.

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 25th day of February, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and seventh year.

Ch. Benze
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: