

State of Oklahoma

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, every day across America, government employees at the federal, state, and local levels carry out countless and diverse responsibilities that help maintain critical services, ensure economic growth, protect our homeland, and strengthen our national security; and

WHEREAS, many public servants, including military personnel, law enforcement officers, firefighters, border patrol officers, embassy staff, health care professionals, and others risk their lives each day in service to the people of the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, public employees take not only jobs, but oaths; and

WHEREAS, without these public servants at every level, continuity would be impossible in a democracy that regularly changes its leaders and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, employees of the State of Oklahoma serve the citizens of our state with the highest degree of professionalism, efficiency, integrity, and commitment; and

WHEREAS, our state and nation are deeply indebted to the men and women who devote themselves to public service and make incalculable contributions to our nation's quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Public Service Recognition Week, celebrated the first Monday through Sunday in May since 1985, is a time set aside to honor the men and women who devote their careers to public service;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the week of May 5 through 11, 2008, as:

Public Service Recognition Week

in the State of Oklahoma, and encourage all citizens to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of government employees at all levels in our great 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