Whereas, the story of Oklahoma is reflected in thousands of historic buildings, sites, structures, districts, and historically significant objects found from Cimarron to McCurtain and Ottawa to Greer counties; and

Whereas, 2016 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and through Preservation50 initiatives, preservationists in Oklahoma and across our nation will celebrate, learn from and leverage NHPA’s first five decades to improve its impact and ensure a more vibrant future; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma Archeological Survey; the Oklahoma Historic Preservation Review Committee; the Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office; the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, Oklahoma Main Street Center; the Oklahoma State University Department of Geography, Department of History, and School of Architecture; the University of Oklahoma Department of Anthropology, College of Architecture, and Institute for Quality Communities; the Oklahoma Anthropological Society; and Preservation Oklahoma Inc. trust that historic preservation conveys great value to Oklahomans; and

Whereas, the NHPA is vital for the protection of significant archeological and historic properties and continues to strengthen preservation efforts; and

Whereas, Oklahoma’s 28th annual Statewide Preservation Conference will be held June 1-3, 2016, in Enid, Oklahoma;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim January through December 2016 as

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in the state of Oklahoma and urge participation of our citizens in conferences, exhibits, and promotional events focused on Oklahoma’s archeological and historic resources, their importance and their preservation.

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 10th day of December, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the One hundred and Eighth Year.

ATTEST:  
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR