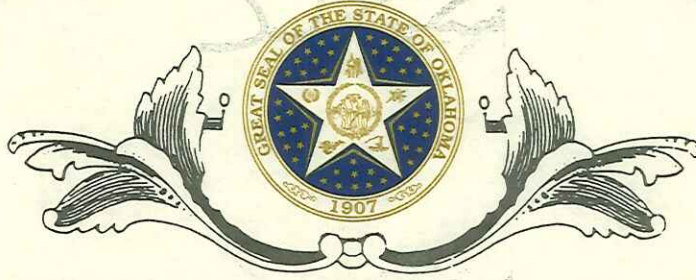


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, Oklahoma is home to over five hundred museums and cultural organizations which are located in every region of the state and serve as educational institutions, preservation organizations, agencies of scientific discovery, and cultural centers; and

Whereas, Oklahoma museums represent a multitude of disciplines and learning experiences, including art museums, historical societies, historic sites, zoos, aquariums, science centers, botanical gardens, historic houses, natural history museums, children's museums, heritage centers, living history museums, and museums; and

Whereas, Oklahoma museums encourage curiosity and provide enjoyment and education for every generation, as Oklahoma museums nourish minds and spirits by fostering contemplation, exploration, critical thinking, and dialogue to advance knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of history, science, the arts, and the natural world; and

Whereas, Oklahoma museums contribute significantly to the livability and economic viability of the state and its communities, annually generating more than \$482,000,000 in total direct economic activity, providing for more than 16,000 full time equivalent jobs supported, obtaining more than 425,000 volunteer hours, and attracting over 6,000,000 visitors; and

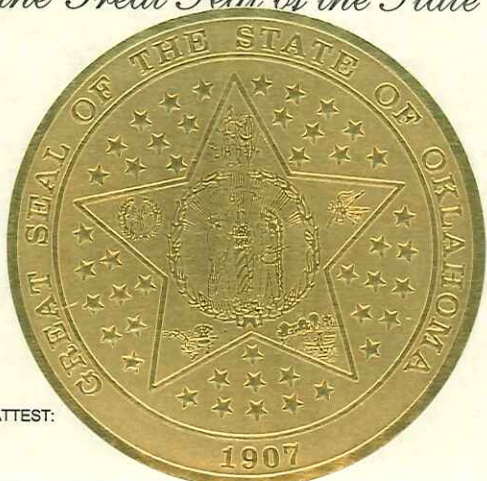
Whereas, the Oklahoma Museums Association has served to bring important recognition of this commemorative week and invites all museums, Oklahoma residents, and local governments to use this milestone to recognize and celebrate the contributions of Oklahoma;

Now Therefore, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim March 17th-23rd, 2024,
as

"Oklahoma Museums Week"

in the State of Oklahoma

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 twenty-eighth day of February, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-four, and of the State of Oklahoma in the One-hundred and sixteenth year.

[Signature]
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Signature]
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: