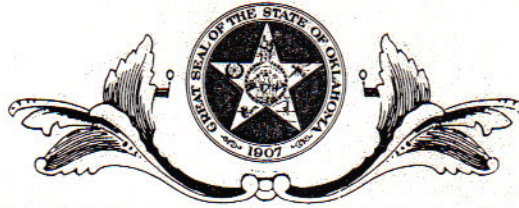


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, keeping the homes, neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, and communities of Oklahoma safe is of the utmost importance to all of the residents of our state; and

Whereas, the presence of crime in our communities spreads fear and destroys trust and faith in others, threatening our lives, liberty, and general welfare; and

Whereas, it is the responsibility of all of us, from all ages and all walks of life, to work together with law enforcement to keep ourselves, our families, and our communities safe from crime in order to make life enjoyable for all; and

Whereas, effective crime prevention programs excel because of partnerships among law enforcement, civic groups, schools, faith communities, businesses, and individuals working together toward the common goal of increasing public safety; and

Whereas, Neighborhood Watch has brought countless communities together, inspiring members, bridging divides, and strengthening bonds through the willingness of neighbors to help each other build a better community; and

Whereas, Neighborhood Watch programs make it possible for neighbors to help each other and strengthen the partnership between law enforcement and the community; and

Whereas, Neighborhood Watch encourages individual groups to work directly with local law enforcement agencies to report suspicious activities, be the "eyes and ears," and to never intervene in a law enforcement duty; and

Whereas, Neighborhood Watch, along with Crime Watch, Business Watch, and other programs, is a time-honored tradition with over 25,000 programs, 7,000 law enforcement agencies, and 2.5 million participants throughout the United States;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2012 as

"40th Anniversary of Neighborhood Watch Day"

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 24th day of May, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fourth year.

Assistant

Michelle Dean
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR