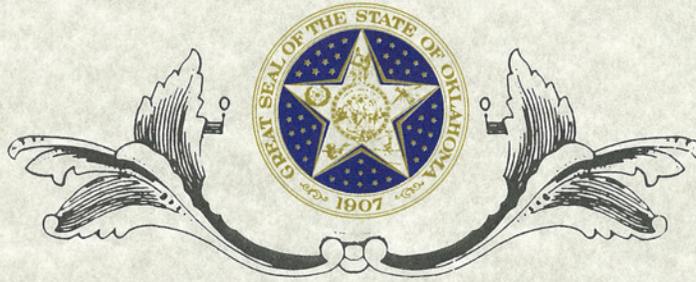


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

*Whereas, historically, the greatest number of flood disasters in Oklahoma have occurred during the month of May; and*

*Whereas, flooding causes more than \$2 billion in property damage and numerous deaths each year in the U.S. and losses due to flooding are not covered under most homeowners or business policies; and*

*Whereas, each year, Oklahomans lose their lives by driving into dangerous floodwaters; and*

*Whereas, for their own benefit, Oklahomans must be constantly reminded of the various flood safety procedures required to protect their lives and livelihoods; and*

*Whereas, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board is the state agency designated to coordinate the National Flood Insurance Program in Oklahoma – in partnership with the Oklahoma Insurance Department, Oklahoma Emergency Management, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Oklahoma Municipal League, Association of County Commissioners, Oklahoma Legislature, Oklahoma Emergency Managers Association, and Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association – and promote the beneficial uses and natural functions of the floodplain; and*

*Whereas, the National Flood Insurance Program allows residents of participating communities to purchase affordable flood insurance in exchange for regulating floodplain development; and*

*Whereas, Oklahomans should be made more aware of the existence of the National Flood Insurance Program and the various personal benefits through participation in the program;*

*Now, therefore, I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2009, as*

### **“Flood Awareness Month”**

*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 20th day of February, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and nine and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred first year.*

*Keith J. Kel* Brad Henry  
SECRETARY OF STATE Acting Assistant GOVERNOR

ATTEST: