

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

On June 14th, One Hundred Fifty years ago, the Continental Congress at Philadelphia passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, that the Flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternating red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation".

That day and that resolution initiated the official history of the Flag of the United States. An endless procession of men and women have cheerfully suffered and even sacrificed their lives in defense of the ideals, the principles, and the institutions symbolized in this flag. The people of this State, and all other States should be ever ready to express their love for our national emblem and for all that it represents, and

Since this flag represents the price paid for American liberties, it is the symbol of free speech, free press, free schools, freedom of worship, personal liberty and all constitutional laws of the States and of the Nation.

Its red is the blood of American heroes, shed on countless fields of battle. Its white symbolizes the purity of American womanhood and the sanctity of the American home. Its blue is but a patch of unclouded American skies, snatched from the diamond studded canopy that bends over our native land. Its stars represent the aggregation of undefeated states bound together in an inseparable union.

"Its red is the red of the sunset's evening glow,
Its white is the white of the winter's driven snow,
Its blue is the blue of the ocean, sea and sky,
Its stars, the stars of the union that must not die".

Its unstained folds are the token of justice, the ensign of right, the standard of protection, the symbol of victory. Its sacred traditions, its holy past, awaken the mind and inspire the heart with deep and tender affection for the saintly fathers of our native land.

NOW, THEREFORE, not only as a duty and as an official act, but as a personal privilege and a fullsome joy, and in order that I may join with all the people of our State in patriotic service to our nation and in tribute to the countless martyrs of freedom, and in order that we may piously reconsecrate our lives to the sacred cause, that enscouled their lofty purpose, I, HENRY S. JOHNSTON, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the week of June 8th to 14th, 1927, as Flag Week; and Tuesday, June 14th, as Flag Day; and do earnestly request that every day during Flag Week, the flag be displayed from public buildings, places of business and homes; that during this week the students in the schools be instructed in the correct way of displaying and respecting our national emblem and the ideals and principles symbolized by the flag be explained and emphasized to them; that on Sunday, June 12th, the ministers of all creeds and denominations direct the thoughts of their congregations to the flag of the United States and the things it represents, and that on Flag Day, Tuesday, June 14th, special patriotic exercises be held in every community, and in this manner fittingly commemorate this anniversary of the adoption of the Flag of the United States and rededicating ourselves to the ideals, traditions, principles and institutions of our country.

WITNESS MY HAND, and the official Seal of the State of Oklahoma, on this, the 27th day of May, 1927.

Henry S. Johnston
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GOVERNOR.

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Secretary of State.