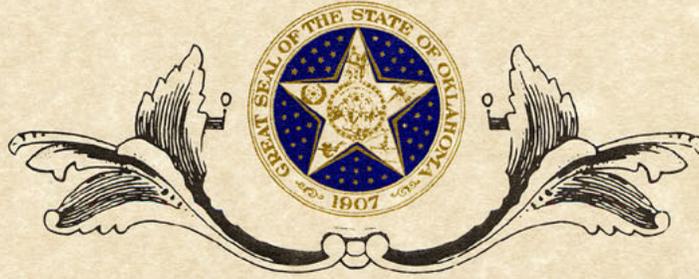


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

Whereas, the year 2004 marks the 50th anniversary of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (Public Law 83-566), signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on August 4, 1954; and

Whereas, in Oklahoma, 982 watershed dams have been constructed through this program by a partnership of conservation districts, watershed conservancy districts, county commissioners, municipalities, Oklahoma Conservation Commission, and private landowners with assistance from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service; and

Whereas, these dams and associated conservation practices provide \$87.5 million in average annual flood and erosion control benefits providing protection for lives and property, thousands of acres of land, and hundreds of bridges, roads and other structures; and

Whereas, these watershed dams improve the quality of life for Oklahoma citizens by providing recreational areas, city and rural water supplies, irrigation water, and fish and wildlife habitat; and

Whereas, this is to be a day of recognition and appreciation for the benefits provided by Oklahoma watershed projects and for the dedication of watershed project sponsors, local, state, and federal government agencies, landowners and others who help plan and implement the projects, and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act;

Now, Therefore, I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim August 4, 2004, as

*"Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention 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 26th day of May, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and four, and of the State of Oklahoma in the ninety-sixth year.*

*Brad Henry*

ATTEST:

*M. Susan Hooge*

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR