STATE OF OKLAHOMA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, *the people across Oklahoma wish to live in harmony with the natural resources and leave a better earth for our children and grandchildren; and*

Whereas, *conservationists across our beautiful state work hand in hand with the citizens of Oklahoma to conserve natural resources and to create a healthy land; and*

Whereas, *leadership for conservation of natural resources on private lands is provided by a partnership that includes conservation districts, state conservation agencies, other federal agencies, tribes and the Natural Resources Conservation Service in the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and*

Whereas, *the Natural Resources Conservation Service and its predecessor, the Soil Conservation Service, have been helping agricultural landowners in Oklahoma meet their conservation goals; and*

Whereas, *the Natural Resources Conservation Service has established an important conservation partnership with farmers and ranchers in Oklahoma; and*

Whereas, *now is the time to recognize the contributions of the Natural Resources Conservation Service and its partners and to increase awareness among the state's citizens of the importance of natural resources;*

Now, Therefore, I, Brad Henry, *Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2005, as*

"Conservation Day"

in the State of Oklahoma,

and in honor of the 70th Anniversary of the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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 12th *day of* April *, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and* five *, and of the State of Oklahoma in the* ninety-seventh *year.*

Brad Henry

ATTEST: M. Susan Savage

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR