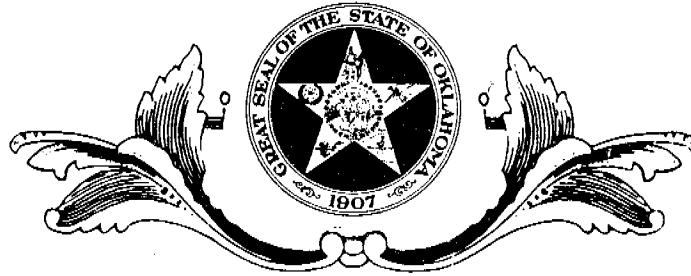


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, the People's Republic of China and the State of Oklahoma have shared numerous cultural, educational and friendly relationships for the past 25 years; and

Whereas, the State of Oklahoma and Gansu Province formalized a Sister State relationship on June 12, 1985, wherein citizens of Oklahoma and Gansu have enjoyed the mutual benefits of cooperation in the areas of education, culture, medicine and economic development; and

Whereas, the Confucius Institute and the OU Institute for US-China Issues were established at The University of Oklahoma in August 2006, to strengthen the understanding and bonds between the people of Oklahoma and China and to promote China studies in the state of Oklahoma; and

Whereas, Oklahoma City University School of Law and Nankai University Law School have entered into an exchange agreement, with additional educational exchanges throughout the state's K-12 schools encouraged by the Oklahoma Institute for Teaching East Asia; and

Whereas, China is Oklahoma's fourth largest trading partner with over \$198 million in exports for 2008; and

Whereas, the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Houston has initiated and supported outstanding outreach activities to develop strong relationships between the State of Oklahoma and China; and

Whereas, the State of Oklahoma sends best wishes on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China;

Now, therefore, I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim October 1, 2009, as

"China's National Day in Oklahoma"

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

M. Susan Swigg
SECRETARY OF STATE

Brad Henry
GOVERNOR

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