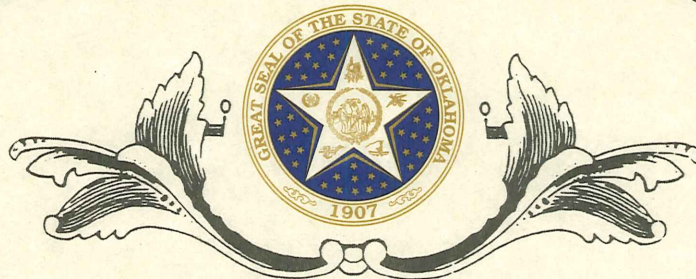


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, there are about 300,000 Oklahomans who have earned some college credits but not completed a degree program; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education has created multiple pathways for adults to re-connect with a college or university to earn an associate's degree or a bachelor's degree, such as the Reach Higher FlexFinish program and the Reach Higher DirectComplete programs; and

Whereas, Oklahoma higher education partners with tribal education departments, state agencies, and nonprofit organizations to identify resources for adults returning to college; and

Whereas, Oklahoma adults returning to earn degrees will improve their own lives and those of their families in terms of economic opportunities, as well as personal achievements; and

Whereas, Oklahoma's prosperity as a state is dependent on an educated and credentialed workforce;

Now Therefore, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim October, 2020, as

"Reach Higher 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 eighth day of August, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and twelfth year.

Michael Rogers

Kevin Stitt

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR

