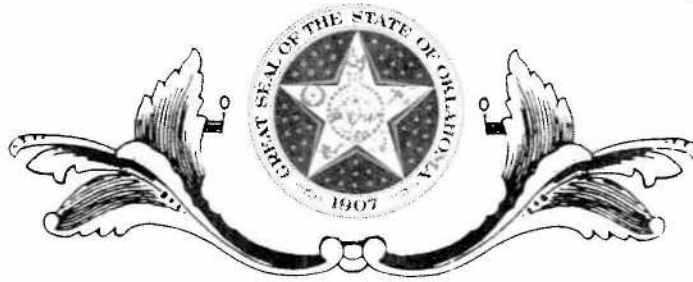


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

*Whereas, it is estimated that over 200,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer will occur in women in the United States and at this time over 2 million women are living in the U.S. who have been diagnosed with and/or treated for breast cancer; and*

*Whereas, breast cancer incidence continues to increase with breast cancer being the leading cause of cancer deaths among women ages 40 – 59; screening mammogram and increased awareness of breast cancer is the best way to improve early detection; and*

*Whereas, breast cancer and the effects of the disease deeply affects the core of any family and disrupts the reliability of daily living; prompt and early detection can help with the overall livelihood of the affected victim and family members; and*

*Whereas, if detected early, the five-year survival rate for breast cancer exceeds 95% and mammograms are among the best early detection methods; yet 13 million U.S. women 40 years of age or older have never had a mammogram; and*

*Whereas, "Hooves for a Cure," a program implemented by trail rider Debbie Briggs, will lace the woods and trails across Oklahoma and surrounding states with pink on October 6, 2007, as area trail riders join together to raise funds, awareness, and fund mammograms to fight breast cancer; and*

*Whereas, to help achieve the goal of "Hooves for a Cure," all residents are invited to participate in this one day event by attending one of many trails rides coordinated by Bad Girls Trail Riding Club, Oklahoma Equestrian Trail Riders Association, The Duncan Lake Riding Club, Bushwhackers, and Cowgirls UP by donating a minimum \$10.00 ride fee to raise needed funds;*

*Now, therefore, I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2007, as*

### **"Hooves for a Cure Day"**

*in the state of Oklahoma, and encourage the people of Oklahoma to observe this day by attending trail rides and/or supporting Hooves for a Cure to increase breast cancer awareness and raise funds for needed mammograms for all women regardless of ethnicity or income level.*

*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 18th day of September, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the State of Oklahoma in the ninety-ninth year.*

*Heather J. Jakes* Brad Henry

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR