

# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

Whereas, Paralegals/Legal Assistants provide a valuable service to attorneys and the public in general by allowing the attorney more time for the services that only an attorney can perform, and providing a more economical service to the clients through lower billings rates; and

Whereas, the Tulsa Association of Legal Assistants (TALA), Central Oklahoma Association of Legal Assistants (COALA) and the Oklahoma Paralegal Association (OPA) are professional organizations which strive to educate the public and legal profession as to the value of Paralegals/Legal Assistants and provide an excellent resource for continuing legal education to Paralegals/Legal Assistants; and

Whereas, the national headquarters for the National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA) is located in Tulsa, with members nationwide and 84 affiliated associations in 35 states; and

Whereas, NALA offers an extensive two-day Certified Legal Assistant/Certified Paralegal (CLA or CP) exam to Paralegals/Legal Assistants and currently, 14,344 Paralegals/Legal Assistants nationwide have successfully completed the exam and earned the CLA designation; of these 609 are from the State of Oklahoma; and

Whereas, each year, one week during spring is designated as Law Week, with Wednesday of that week being set aside to honor Paralegals/Legal Assistants;

Now, Therefore, I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, hereby proclaim  
May 14, 2008, as

**“Paralegal/Legal Assistants 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 8th day of April, in the  
Year of Our Lord two thousand and eight,  
and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred  
year.

M. Sumner Huff Brad Henry

ATTEST: