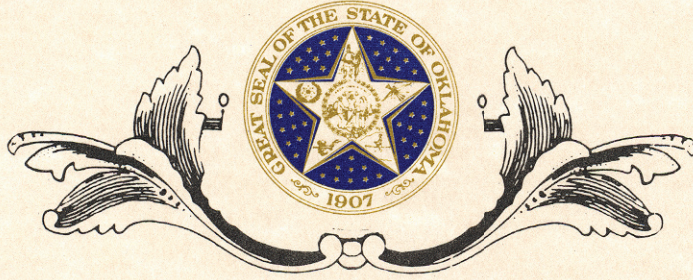


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, to focus the state's attention on both the importance of waste prevention and the need for conservation of Oklahoma's natural resources during Earth Day week, we suggest using less stuff as something anyone can easily do to celebrate Earth Day; and

Whereas, using less stuff can be practiced effectively on a corporate, community, group, school or personal level; and

Whereas, using less stuff helps the environment, but it can also be financially rewarding, and can be practiced at a minimum level all the way up to a very advanced level; and

Whereas, using less stuff plays a major role in efforts to develop a sustainable society that will ensure it meets the needs of the present generations without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, we encourage all citizens to increase their Use Less Stuff choices for better stewardship and sustainability of Oklahoma's treasured resources; and

Whereas, sustainability is related to the quality of life in a community; it helps determine whether the economic, social and environmental systems that make up the community, business, or household are providing a healthy, productive, meaningful life for all, both present and future. Using less stuff is a simple concept that will bolster that quality of life; and

Whereas, USING LESS STUFF encourages our citizenry to take responsibility for balancing long term economic, environmental and social health – for ourselves, our communities, and our world;

Now, therefore, I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim April 19–26, 2008, as

“Use Less Stuff Week”

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 10th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundredth year.

M. Susan Lewis
SECRETARY OF STATE

Brad Henry
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: