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**TO:** All Appointing Authorities

**FROM:** Oscar B. Jackson, Jr., IPMA-CP   
Administrator and Cabinet Secretary of Human Resources & Administration

**RE: 2009 Public Service Recognition Week – May 4-10, 2009  
2009 State Employee Recognition Day – May 6, 2009**

*"Your own story and the American story are not separate - they are shared. And they will both be enriched if we stand up together, and answer a new call to service to meet the challenges of our new century." President Barack Obama*

Oklahoma will join states across the nation in celebrating **Public Service Recognition Week** during the week of May 4-10, 2009. This annual event, celebrated the first Monday through Sunday in May since 1985, is a time set aside to honor the men and women who serve America as federal, state and local government employees. Public Service Recognition Week presents a welcome opportunity to spotlight the contributions made by state employees in the workplace and in our communities.

**State Employee Recognition Day** was initiated in 2001 by the National Association of State Personnel Executives (NASPE) in partnership with the National Governors Association. The outstanding efforts and commitment of our state employees in conducting the public's business is sometimes unrecognized despite the essential services they perform. Recognition is a powerful motivator, contributing to higher employee morale, increased organizational productivity, and greater staff retention. The image of state employees is also strengthened when citizens see people they know, who happen to be state employees, working to better their communities and state.

Information regarding planning recognition events and activities within your agencies, including downloadable guides and other materials, may be accessed via the following links:

Public Service Recognition Week [www.ourpublicservice.org](http://www.ourpublicservice.org) (click on link)  
State Employee Recognition Day <http://naspe.affiniscap.com/displaycommon.cfm?an=8>

(Please note that proclamations from Governor Brad Henry commemorating both events will be issued in the near future and will be forwarded to you to share with staff.)

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