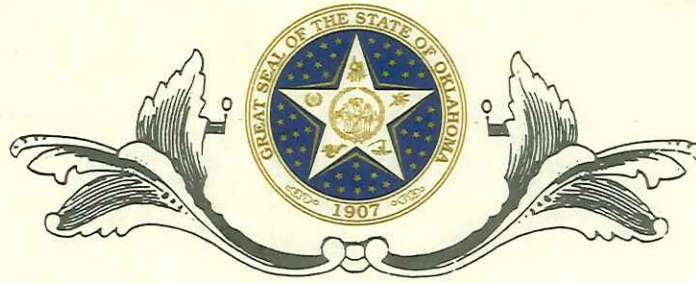


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

**Whereas**, each year, Oklahoma navigates damage and destruction to homes by tornados, wildfires, thunderstorms, and hail all of which carry the potential to cause serious damage – or even worse, destruction – to private property and homes; and

**Whereas**, following disasters, stressed and strained homeowners are vulnerable to well-rehearsed, predatory practices from dishonest contractors fraudulently adding costs to repair or rebuild homes, and

**Whereas**, these predatory practices by some contractors generally increase costs to rebuild for insurers and homeowners alike, ultimately driving up insurance premiums on consumers and forcing some insurers to reevaluate their exposure; and

**Whereas**, insurance fraud adds 5 to 10 percent to claims expenses paid for by insurers and consumers; and

**Whereas**, governments and non-profits work to highlight the various types of contractor fraud schemes, and provide methods in how consumers can identify and avoid such schemes; and

**Whereas**, the National Insurance Crime Bureau encourages Oklahomans to get at least three written estimates, check contractor credentials, and work closely with insurers during the entire rebuilding process when hiring a contractor; and

**Whereas**, the National Insurance Crime Bureau, Oklahoma law enforcement, first responders, legislators, and state officials, are committed to educating Oklahomans about predatory practices by dishonest contractors; and

**Whereas**, the citizens of Oklahoma are encouraged to become familiar with contractor fraud and participate in the various programs during the third annual Contractor Fraud Awareness Week, May 20 – 24, 2024;

**Now Therefore**, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim May 20 – 24, 2024, as

**“Oklahoma Contractor Fraud Awareness 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 eighth day of May, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-four, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and sixteenth year.*

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR