

Whereas, The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) collects, uses and reports data to promote student success and is dedicated to safeguarding student data privacy; and

Whereas, during the week of January 21st to January 27th OSDE will recognize and raise awareness of the International Data Privacy Day - January 28th in Oklahoma; and

Whereas, the OSDE is working to improve data privacy through the use of information technology and efforts of the data governance office; and

Whereas, educational agencies, districts and educational professionals across the nation work to maintain student records, ensuring information is accurate, complete, confidential and available under FERPA and state and federal laws; and

Whereas, federal and state laws are in place to protect the data privacy of students and give them access rights to their educational information; and

Whereas, OSDE Data Privacy day's initiative is focused on raising awareness among educational stakeholders as well as users about the importance of protecting the privacy of student information; and

Whereas, educators, privacy and information professionals, and the educational community are encouraged to take time to discuss information privacy and protection issues with their teams, staff, students and young adults in schools and universities across the state; and

Whereas, the recognition of Data Privacy Day will encourage people in Oklahoma to become aware of personal information privacy concerns and to take steps to protect their own privacy interests as well as their personal information

Row Therefore, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim January 21-27, 2024,

"Data Privacy 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.

