



Proclamation

WHEREAS, May 8, 2014, marks the centennial of the signing of the Smith-Lever Act in the United States Congress, which established Cooperative Extension, the nationwide transformational education system operating through land-grant universities in partnership with federal, state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Smith-Lever Act provided that Cooperative Agricultural Extension work shall consist of the development of practical applications of research knowledge and giving of instruction and demonstration of existing or improved practices of technologies and carrying out these functions in the spirit and rich tradition of the land-grant university mission; and

WHEREAS, O.S. 70, Subsection 3418 provided that the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College shall organize and conduct agricultural Extension work under the direction of Oklahoma State University; and

WHEREAS, the partnership of Oklahoma State University and all 77 counties embodies the true meaning of combining resources and knowledge to extend to the people of Oklahoma wherever they live and work; now

THEREFORE, I, V. Burns Hargis, president of Oklahoma State University, and on behalf of the Board of Regents and the people of our noble and adventurous state, want to sincerely thank the university faculty and staff, and the county, district and area educators for continuing the 100-year mission of extending knowledge and changing lives throughout Oklahoma. FURTHER, it is my distinct honor on this 22nd day of January, 2014, to officially commence the Centennial Celebration Year of the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service. Ladies and Gentlemen, let the festivities begin!

*V. Burns Hargis, President
Oklahoma State University*

