

WHEREAS, correctional officers are trained professionals who unselfishly provide humane conditions of confinement while ensuring security of the state's correctional institutions and contributing to the rehabilitation of offenders, and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections is extremely fortunate to have correctional officers who are conscientious, dedicated, and committed to performing their duties in a professional manner; and

WHEREAS, each year one correctional officer is selected as the outstanding officer for her facility as well as her division; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections conducts a comprehensive interview process and selects an Agency Correctional Officer of the Year who exemplifies high standards and serves as a role model for others to follow in fulfilling the agency's mission of "Protecting the Public, the Employee and the Offender":

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Oklahoma Board of Corrections does hereby announce and proclaim to all, its recognition of **THERESA TIPTON**, Eddie Warrior Correctional Center, as the 2009 Agency Correctional Officer of the Year.

ADOPTED this 15th day of April 2010.

Earnest D. Ware, Chair

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Matthew Hunter-McBee, Secretary

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