



OFFICE OF

No. SB 2

**THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., May 3, 2017

TIME SIGNED: 6:30

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA SENATE
FIRST SESSION OF THE
FIFTY SIXTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 2:

This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to approve or object to legislation presented to me, I have VETOED Senate Bill 2.

Senate Bill 2 moves Oklahoma backwards. United States History is a vital component of a student's academic coursework. It grounds students in our nation's founding principles and our Constitution, and teaches that American exceptionalism led the world to unite behind the concepts that liberty and freedom are fundamental human rights. Our students need to be grounded in our history and equipped to meet our nation's future challenges.

In 2016, only 62 percent of students in Oklahoma scored proficient or advanced on their End of Instruction exam on U.S. History. If U.S. History is not measured through a test, its importance in school will be lessened.

We stand at a critical juncture as a country...we need students who have the patriotic values our state and nation instilled in them.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Mary Fallin

By [Signature]

Date/Time 5-3-17 6:40pm

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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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a. Cantor @ 6:53pm