WHEREAS, the pharmacy program at Southwestern Oklahoma State University was established in 1939 and graduated its first class in 1941; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Pharmacy became the School of Pharmacy in 1948 and was renamed the College of Pharmacy in 2004; and

WHEREAS, the first PharmD class was selected in 1998 and in 2001 Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy graduated its first Doctors of Pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, the College of Pharmacy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education and is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy consistently ranks as one of the best values in pharmacy education as measured by educational outcomes and cost of education; and

WHEREAS, since the 17th century apothecaries or pharmacists have played a central role in healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the modern Pharmacist are assuming increasingly critical roles in modern health care teams, providing direct patient care and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy has produced over 5,000 professional Pharmacists who have dedicated their lives to carry on this proud tradition in the healthcare field; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy will celebrate its 75th Anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education express their congratulations to Southwestern Oklahoma State University, the College of Pharmacy, the students, faculty and staff on their Diamond Anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Regents express continued support for this innovative and student-focused program which has become a tradition at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

James D. “Jimmy” Harrel, Chairman

John Massey, Secretary

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of action taken by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education on March 6, 2014.

Glen D. Johnson, Chancellor