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Tulsa County District 2 Recognized as an Oklahoma Clean Community

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in partnership with Keep Oklahoma Beautiful (KOB) will recognize Tulsa County District 2 as an Oklahoma Clean Community during a special ceremony scheduled for 10:00 a.m, Saturday, April 12, 2014. The ceremony will be held at the Taneha Community Center at 5716 W. 60th St. in Oakhurst, Oklahoma.

Tulsa County District 2 Commissioner Karen Keith has provided excellent leadership in environmental outreach, education and service projects throughout her district in cooperation with other districts in Tulsa County and the Tulsa region. Tulsa County and the Tulsa region have a longstanding commitment to cleanup, beautification, and recycling. That area has been a national model for recycling at the curb and at recycling centers. The Tulsa Beautification Foundation helps to support many programs, including Tulsa County's Clean County neighborhood cleanups and tire recycling events. The public, private and non-profit sectors are immensely involved with these efforts. Guts Church will receive an award on April 12th, 2014, presented by Tulsa County District 2 Commissioner Karen Keith recognizing some of these efforts.

Tulsa County District 2 is a registered participant in the Great American Cleanup through KOB. Additionally, Tulsa County District 2 participates in America Recycles Day, Adopt a Highway and illegal dump site cleanup. Recently, Tulsa County District 2 held a tire collection event during which 800 tires were diverted from illegal dumps.

DEQ and KOB recognize entities that participate in at least one tire collection event annually and other environmental service projects. DEQ encourages entities to coordinate a community-wide cleanup of used tires. DEQ's Tire Indemnity Fund will pay to haul off old, unused, or abandoned tires. Tire piles can be an eyesore and attract unwelcome pests, such as mosquitoes and rodents. After cleanup is complete and all criteria for other service projects are met, a community can be recognized as an Oklahoma Clean Community.

More information on the Used Tire Recycling Program is available at <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/lpdnew/TireRecyclingPrg.htm> or by contacting Ferrella March at ferrella.march@deq.ok.gov or 405-702-5175.

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