

# Martial Law Declared

Headquarters Oklahoma National Guard,  
City Hall, Tulsa, Okla., June 1st, 1921

Following telegram from Governor J. B. A. Robertson received at these Headquarters at 11:29 a. m., places Tulsa and Tulsa County under Martial Law:

Hon. CHAS. F. BARRETT, Adjutant General,  
Care City Hall, Tulsa, Oklahoma:

I have declared Martial Law throughout Tulsa County, and am holding you responsible for maintenance of order, safety of lives and protection of property. You will do all things necessary to attain these objects.

J. B. A. ROBERTSON, Governor.

**THEREFORE**, By authority of this order, I hereby declare the City of Tulsa and Tulsa County from and after the hour named in the telegram to be under Martial Law, which will be enforced with all the rigor necessary to accomplish the purpose of restoring peace and order within the boundaries of this City and County.

The people of Tulsa and of Tulsa County will retire immediately to their homes and remain there, so far as possible until this order is modified or revoked.

All persons, except sworn officers of the law, found upon the public streets of Tulsa or in any locality in Tulsa County, will be promptly arrested and punished as a military court may direct.

All business houses in the city will close on or before 6:00 o'clock p. m. today and will not re-open until 8: a. m. June 2nd, and will observe these hours from day to day until further orders, unless granted permission by the commanding officer of the Oklahoma National Guard.

Services of necessity, such as Grocery stores, Drug stores, Dairies, Meat Markets and other agencies that contribute to the comfort of the people will be excepted from the provision requiring permission to render such service.

It is the hope of the commanding officer that a prompt compliance with this order will result in a speedy restoration of the public peace, and that the order can be so modified that there will be no interference with the ordinary process of business and commercial life

in Tulsa or any surrounding city in Tulsa County.

Every good citizen should lend his or her best efforts to secure a prompt compliance with this order.

Automobiles, Trucks and other conveyances, except those used by Doctors, Officers of the Law, members of the Red Cross and other individuals or organizations contributing to the health and welfare of the people will not be allowed on the streets between the hours of 7:00 p. m. and 6:00 a. m.

Sufficient military forces are on hand to rigidly enforce this order, and it will be done.

Equal protection under this order is guaranteed to all persons, without regard to race or color. After the publication of this order, the man or woman, white or black, found with arms in their hands without written permission from military authority or by virtue of proper commission under the civil law, will be considered as public enemies and treated accordingly.

Police officers and members of the sheriff's force will report through their chiefs to Brig-Gen. Charles F. Barrett for further orders.

By order of the Governor.

CHAS. F. BARRETT, Brigadier General,  
Commanding Oklahoma National Guard.