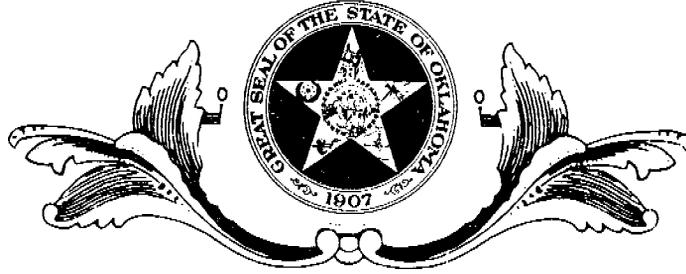


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Proclamation

Whereas, serious mental illnesses such as major depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, obsessive-compulsive disorder, severe anxiety disorders, borderline personality disorder, and posttraumatic stress disorders affect one in every four people annually; and

Whereas, Oklahoma consistently ranks high when compared to other states in the number of citizens living with a mental illness; and

Whereas, serious mental illnesses are more common than cancer, diabetes and heart disease and are the number one reason for hospital admissions nationwide; and

Whereas, serious mental illnesses have been scientifically proven to be highly treatable illnesses of the brain; and

Whereas, Oklahoma is fortunate to have leadership in providing opportunities for recovery and has been recognized as one of the country's top mental health systems by NAMI; and

Whereas, scientific research is producing tremendous breakthroughs in the understanding of mental illnesses, resulting in more effective treatments that allow people to reclaim full and productive lives; and

Whereas, misunderstandings exist about many mental illnesses and our social culture often wrongly imposes stigma on them;

Now, therefore, I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim October 3 – 9, 2010, as

“Mental Illness Awareness Week”

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.

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Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this *twenty-first* day of *September*, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and *ten*, and of the State of Oklahoma in the *one hundred second* year.

M. Susan Lavage
SECRETARY OF STATE

Brad Henry
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: