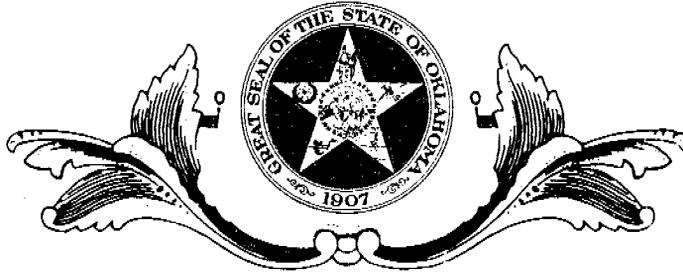


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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Proclamation

Whereas, all citizens should be made aware of the ever-present danger posed by potentially poisonous substances; and

Whereas, our youngsters too often have access to commonly-used drugs and medicines and to such potentially toxic household products as polishes, cleaners, lighter fluids, antifreeze, and paint solvents; and

Whereas, many of our state's official and voluntary organizations have been instrumental in educating individuals on the need for poison prevention, including the proper use of child protection packaging; and

Whereas, the latest statistics from the Oklahoma Poison Control Center indicate that nearly 80% of human exposures were safely managed at home, preventing unnecessary emergency room visits and reducing the health care costs for Oklahoma; and

Whereas, in 2010, the poison center received nearly 50,000 calls and over 50 percent of the calls were related to children under five years of age; and

Whereas, although substantial efforts have been made to decrease the incidences of poisonings, the goal of reducing deaths associated with poisoning exposures, through poison prevention education, must remain a priority;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim March 20th through March 26th, 2011 as

"Poison Prevention 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.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 21st day of Feb. in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the State of Oklahoma in the One hundred and third year.

Michelle Dorn
Assistant Secretary of State

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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